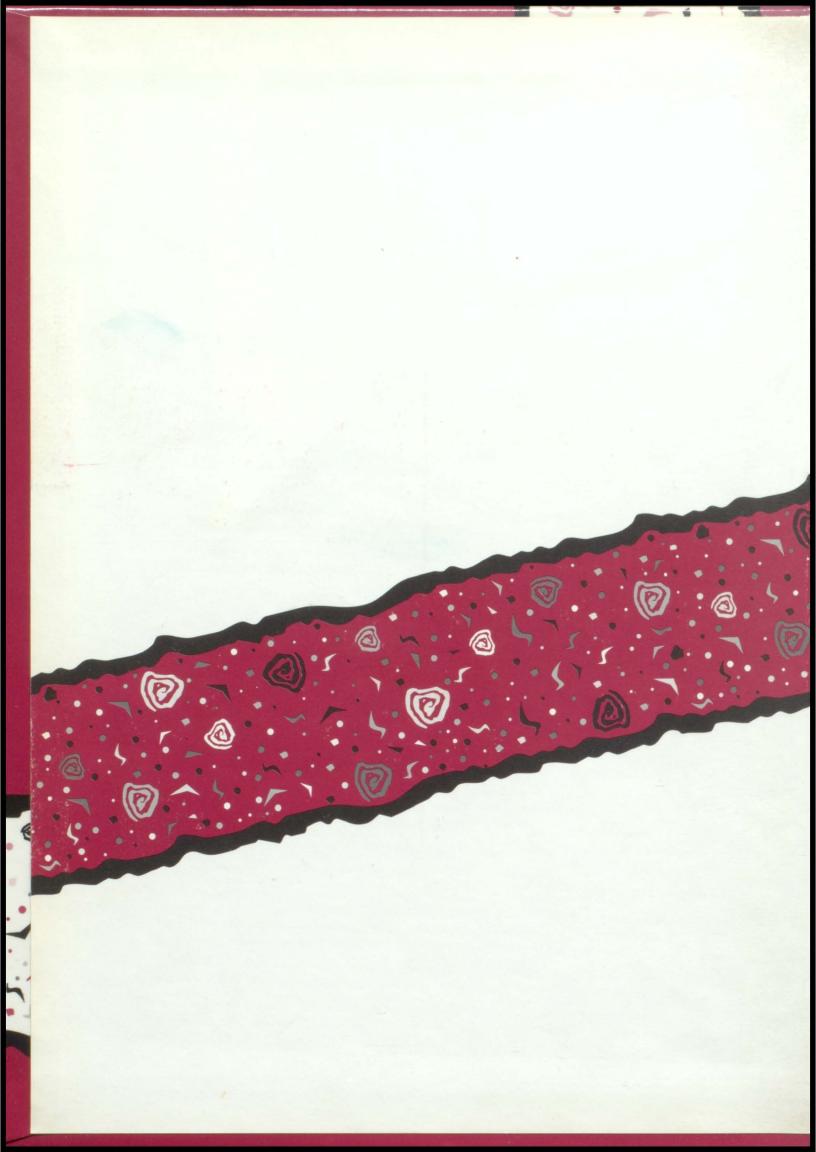
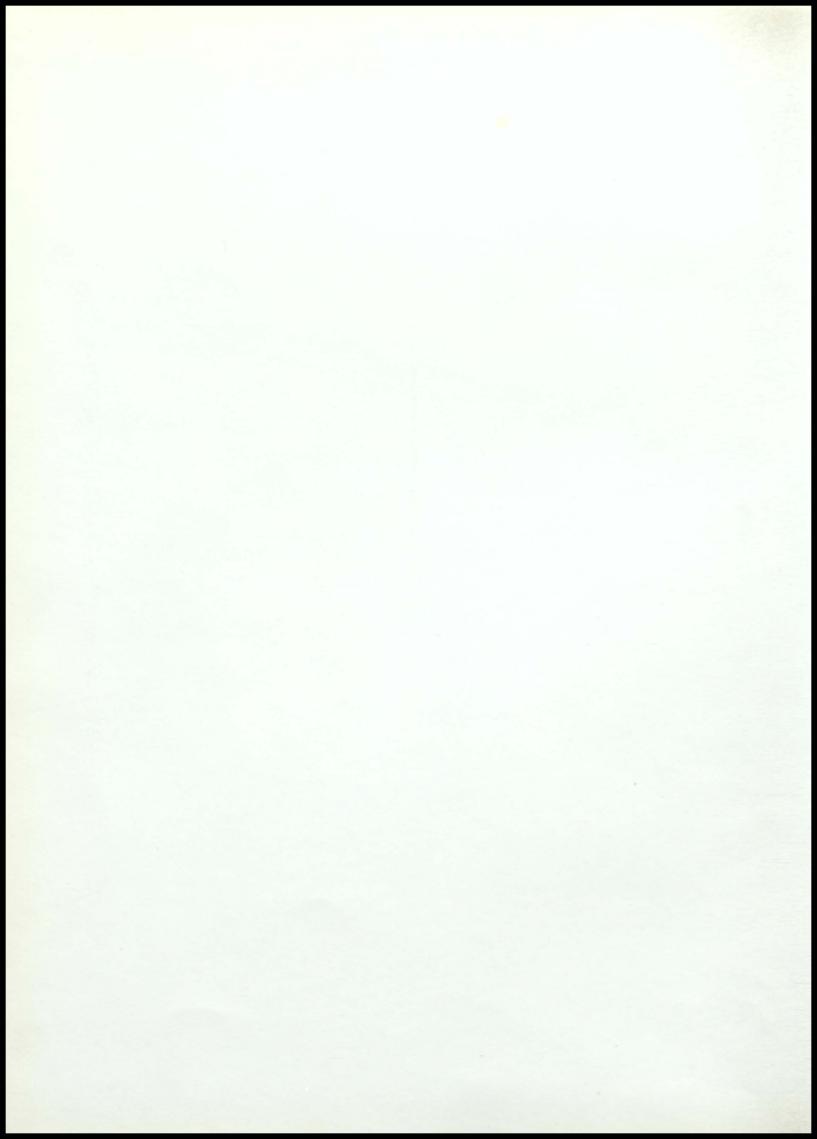
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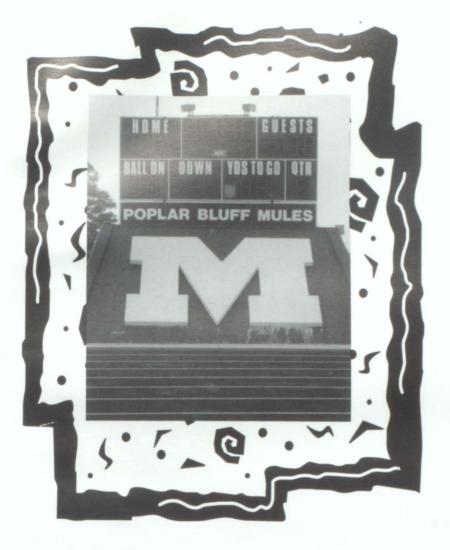


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TRADITION WITH A 2484 OF

This year there were some changes that added a Dash of Difference to another Traditional school year. As students returned to school they noticed a new coat of paint in the classrooms and on the lockers. Over the summer some students added a Dash of Difference by painting murals in "A" building. The gym had been reroofed to eliminate leaks. Mr. Paul Edmonds, the new assistant principal, took over Mr. Thomas' job. Mr. Jim Thomas had a different job, writing grants for the new A+ Schools program that provides college scholarship money for this year's freshmen and sophomores. Some students took advantage of the new zero hour classes, adding a Dash of Difference to their days by leaving school at two o'clock.

Students soon discovered the **Traditional** Home Ec classes had a new name, FACS. <u>The Bluffer</u> was a new size, the Writing Lab had Internet access, the lower gate was used for coming and going during the school day, and Leo was a new club they could join.

As the year progressed, as was **Tradition**, some students added a **Dash of Difference** to their classes by going to see President Bill Clinton and Vice-President Al Gore campaign in Cape Girardeau. Student Council added a **Dash of Difference** to their work when they held a reception for Governor Mel Carnahan and held a bonfire for football homecoming.

Second semester students found an Intercom system had been added to the classrooms over Christmas vacation. Students eagerly anticipated a **Traditional** three-day weekend for Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, when half an inch of freezing rain extended it to a six-day vacation while eliminating many of the basketball homecoming activities. All in all, this year was **Tradition with a Dash of Difference**.

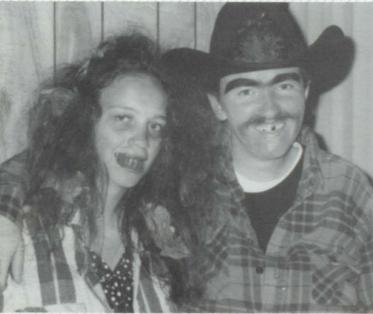














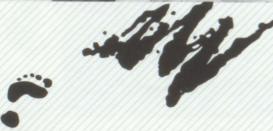


























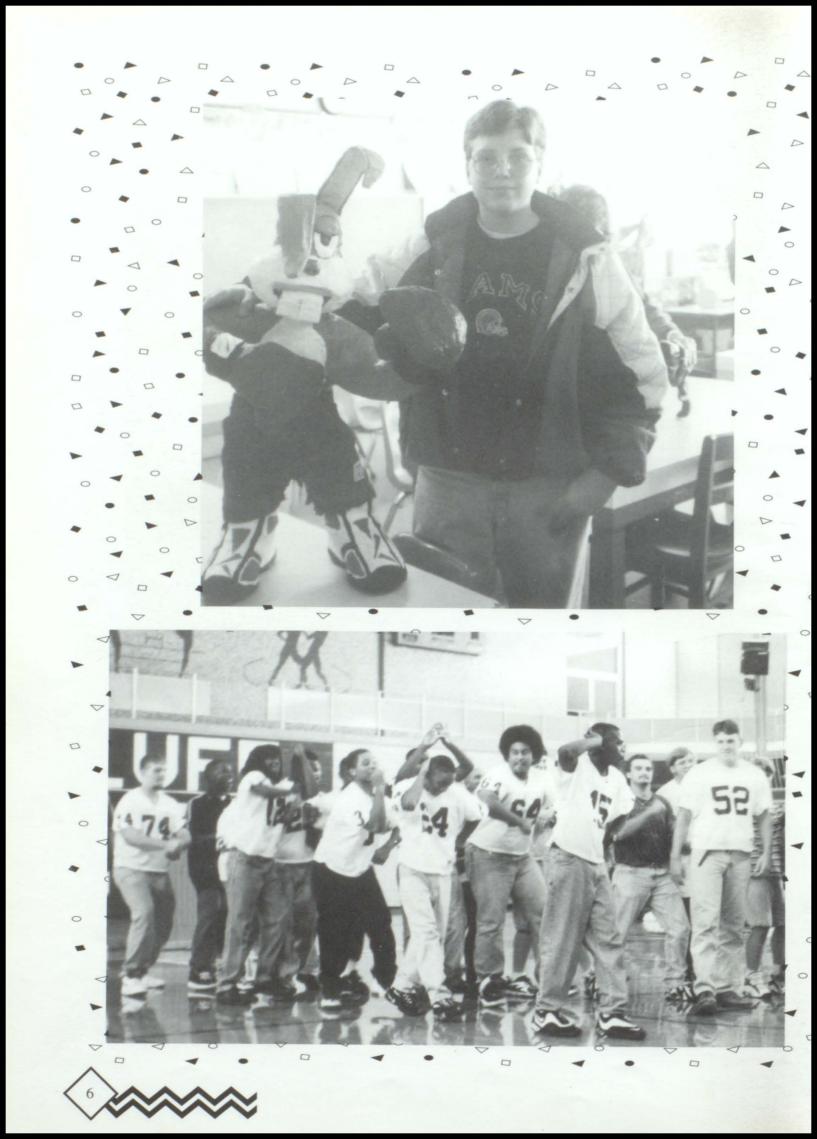








Out of TEP with Tradition





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1996-97 Bluff Queen



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Star Graduates

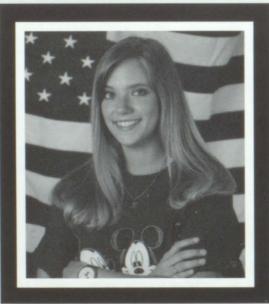


Miranda Cravens

Miranda Cravens has been active in National Honor Society, NIKE, Beta, and Key clubs. She has played volleyball for four years and was awarded the Semo-All Conference her sophomore year. Miranda was a member of the Sho-Me band her freshman year and Secretary of Literary Club her sophomore year. She has remained on the honor roll all four years of high school. Miranda plans to attend St. Louis College of Pharmacy and receive her doctorate in Pharmacy.

Liz DeGaris

Liz DeGaris has been a member of Beta, Leo, French, Key, and Literary Clubs, National Honor Society and Speech Team during her high school years. She has received Varsity Letter Awards all four years. Liz was active in soccer and girls basketball her freshman year. She has also been involved in softball and girls soccer. After high school, Liz plans to attend college, but is undecided where. She intends to major in accounting.



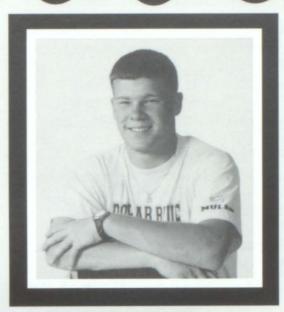
Melanie Gregg

Melanie Gregg serves as the Academics editor of the yearbook and is the battalion commander of JROTC. She is involved in Spanish, TREND, NIKE, Beta, Leo, and Quill and Scroll. She was inducted into NHS her junior year. She was also the January Elks Student of the Month. She received the International Foreign Language Award her sophomore year and the National English Merit Award her sophomore and junior years. Melanie plans to attend TRCC and major in psychology.

Class of 1997

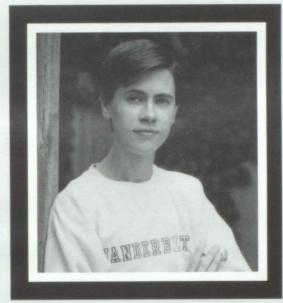
David Kingery

David Kingery has been a member of National Honor Society, Student Council, and FCA for four years. He has played football throughout high school and has earned three letters. He played baseball for three years and basketball as a freshman. David hopes to play football in college and pursue a degree in business or sports medicine.



Greg Lyons

Greg Lyons is the president of NHS and TREND, and the vice-president of YIELD and Beta Club. He has been active in band all four years and is currently the percussion section-leader. He was selected to All-District Band his sophomore, junior, and senior years; All-District Jazz Band his sophomore and senior years; All-District Choir his senior year; and All-State Band his junior year. He was also chosen to the Missouri Fine Arts Academy. Greg has been involved in Literary, German, and Math Clubs and the Academic Team. He plans to attend Wheaton College and major in both music and molecular biology.



Bri Anne Merriman

BriAnne Merriman is involved in National Honor Society, Beta, and the Sho-Me band. She lettered in academics two years and in band one year. BriAnne is also a Claudia Girl and active in community service. She was a drum major for Sho-Me band for two years. She has also remained on the "A" honor roll throughout high school. BriAnne has been the Optimist Student of the Month and the December Elks Student of the Month. Bri Anne is undecided on where she will attend college, but—wants to major in medicine.



Tara Milligan

Tara Milligan is the section leader in the Sho-Me Band. She is a member of National Honor Society and Beta Club. Tara is treasurer of Math Club and secretary of Senior Girl Scout Troop 238. She is currently involved in YIELD, Chemistry, and Spanish Clubs. Tara has lettered in academics for three years. She received a National Merit Commendation, as well as September Elks Student of the Month. Tara plans to attend the Universty of Missouri-Rolla.



Star Graduates

Susan Minner

Susan Minner has been active in Beta, NIKE, French Club, DECA, YIELD, TREND, DARE Role Model, Quill and Scroll, and volleyball. She is currently the Vice-President of the Concert Choir, Vice-President of National Honor Society, Classes Editor of The Bluff, and has been Co-Captain of both the Junior Varsity and Varsity cheerleading squads. She was nominated Optimist Student of the Month, Elks Student of the Month, was a member of the 1996 All-District Choir and an attendant on the 1996 Football Homecoming Court. She has remained on the honor roll all four years of high school, receiving academic letters her junior and senior years. She attends Westwood Baptist Church and is involved in both adult and youth choir. Susan plans to attend Southwest Baptist University.





Jaclyn Olmstead

Jaclyn Olmstead has been an active member of NIKE, French Club, TREND, DARE Role Model, and YIELD throughout high school. She is the Vice-President of DECA and the Social Coordinator for the Concert Choir. Her senior year she was inducted into National Honor Society and Beta. Jaclyn received a varsity letter her sophomore year in volleyball and was a member of the 1996 Football Homecoming Court. She has also been on the honor roll all through high school. Jaclyn is also an active member of the Church of Christ youth group and the lady's volleyball league. Upon graduation, Jaclyn plans to attend the Universty of Central Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas and major in elementary education.



Naomi Sharp

Naomi Sharp has been an active member of Beta, NIKE, TREND, DARE Role Model, her church youth group, Quill and Scroll, and currently holds the offices of Historian for the National Honor Society and President for both YIELD and Concert Choir. She has received three varsity letters in track, two in cross country, and three in cheerleading. Naomi has been a cheerleader for three years and a Co-Captain for two. She has also been a member of the Missouri-All-State Choir. Naomi plans to attend Oral Roberts Universty, but is undecided on what her major will be.



Heather Shirrell

Heather Shirrell has served as Student Council President the past two years, while being Editor-in-Chief of the <u>Bluff</u>, Corresponding Secretary of National Honor Society, 1996 Homecoming Queen and a member of Beta and Quill and Scroll. She also has participated in TREND, Key Club and Spanish Club for two years, band and Beta for three years, and Yield. She attended Missouri Sophomore Pilgrimage, while remaining on the Honor Roll. Heather plans to attend TRCC in the fall.

Class of 1997



Sara Stacy

Sara Stacy is currently a member of National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll, FCA, French and Leo Clubs. She has also been involved in Chemistry and Literary Clubs, Drama, and cheerleading. She is Treasurer of the senior class, Beta Club Treasurer, President of Nike, and Business Manager of the Bluff Sara was also a member of her Sophomore Valentine Court and a member of the 1996 Football Homecoming Court. After graduation, Sara plans to attend the University of Missouri and major in medicine.

Amy Surber

Amy Surber is presently Sergeant-At-Arms of National Honor Society, Vice-President of Literary Club, a member of the academic team, Beta, German and Chemistry clubs. She has been a Claudia Girl and has lettered in academics all four years. Amy was chosen as a HOBY representative and a Elk Student of the month, and she attended the Missouri Scholars Academy. She volunteers for the American Cancer Society, Margaret Harwell Art Museum, and the Community Concert Association. Amy is undecided about both her future college and her major.



Star Graduates

Anesha Webb

Anesha Webb has participated and lettered in basketball for two years. She has been on the honor roll all through high school and was selected for Who's Who Among American High School Students. She plans to attend Arkansas State University or the University of Memphis and major in physical education.



Showing spirit

Assemblies and spirit week were held because they gave students an opportunity to get excited for our school.

At the first assembly students participated in the mule train. At the football homecoming assembly there was a Macarena contest. A bonfire was held for the first time this year. Sr. Christian Beck said, "(The bonfire) would have been better if there were more activities."

Spirit Week was also a funtime, giving students a chance to act crazy and show school spirit. Students brought cans to *Can those Bulldogs* (the cans were given to the Rescue Mission). Other spirit days included *Hunt those Bulldogs*, *Send the Bulldogs Back In Time*, *Beat the Socks Off the Bulldogs*, and *Support Our Mules*.



These ten students are among the winners in '60s day.

The spirit stick is awarded to the class with the most spirit.

Students show their school spirit by dressing in camoflauge.









A way out

"Go, Mules, Go!" are familiar words at pep assemblies. Pep assemblies were held before first games in addition to assemblies for football and basketball homecoming and special assemblies.

Jr. Katie Redford said, "Assemblies are a good way to get out of class." Soph. Kerrie Alexander said, "I like assemblies because I get to play with the band and that is fun." Sr. Joey Wilchek said, "Assemblies would have more spirit, if the students would just get involved."

Assemblies were held for other reasons than sports. Motivational speakers frequently spoke. Bob Holmes, a one-man volleyball player, came in September. After single-handedly defeating seniors, teachers and the football team, he spoke on the importance of fighting peer pressure.

Another speaker, Craig McFarland, spoke on overcoming handicaps with good attitudes. McFarland, a blind person, played golf, bowled and traveled alone.

Cheerleaders lead the student body in the lengthy mule train.

Yearbook staffers decorate for spirit week.





One man volleyballer Bob Holmes beat everyone.

Senior boys take on Bob Holmes in a game of volleyball at the assembly.

A queen is crowned





1996 Homecoming Court

Heather Shirrell is all smiles after being announced 1996 Homecoming Queen.

As Football Homecoming rolled around everyone excitedly waited to see who would be chosen for the Court. The first hour classes competed to see which class had the most participation dressing up and which class has the best decorating skills. "Can those Bulldogs" and "Hunt those Bulldogs" were two of the spirit days. Mrs. Libby Brown's first hour Publications class won the door decorating contest while Mrs. Elissa Hogg's sophomore English class won for most class participation.

As the clock finally reached 2:00 p.m. on Friday October 11, all were excited and ready to head for the gym for the announcement of the 1996 Football Homecoming Queen and to hear the winners of the spirit week competition announced. At the assembly the teachers and students joined in performing the Macarena to entertain the crowd. To end the rally, Heather Shirrell was named the 1996 Football Homecoming Queen.

Students show their enthusiasm at the Homecoming Assembly.

Jaclyn Olmstead is escorted by Mitch Pogue.









Shelley Gutterman is escorted by David Kingery.

1996 Homecoming Court









With the popularity of the Macarena dance reaching its peak, teachers are called upon to entertain students.

Sara Stacy is escorted by Chance (Dick) Whitehead.

Susan Minner is escorted by Kevin Pope.

Their night to shine



Football Homecoming is always exciting, but it was especially so when the football team led us to victory over Memphis-Farley. Excitement filled the air as the band performed for pre-game. After the band finished playing, the court members were escorted onto the field by their fathers. As the girls were introduced each took their place on the field. They were greeted by the Homecoming queen from 50 years ago, Mrs. Guy Whitworth, as the class of '46 celebrated their 50-year reunion. 1995 retiring queen, Valerie Mann, crowned Heather Shirrell as the new queen. When the crowning was finished, the court sat by the student section and reigned over the game.



Queen Heather Shirrell and Reggie Westerfield pose after the game.

Varsity Mules pose for one last group photo before taking the field.

Student Life/Kristy Wyatt









The 1996 Football Homecoming Court is made up of Shelley Gutterman, Sara Stacy, Heather Shirrell, Susan Minner, and Jaclyn Olmstead.

Students show their school spirit by cheering the Mules on to victory.

The Sho-Me band colorguard perform at the football Homecoming game.

Basketball Queen crowned in spite of ice

The crowd grew silent as they anxiously awaited the announcement of the 1997 Basketball Homecoming Queen. Ice storms had cancelled school on both Thursday and Friday, which meant a shortened spirit week and no homecoming assembly.

In spite of the weather, there was a good turnout at the game to watch retiring queen Tenea Russell crown new queen Tonya Hill.

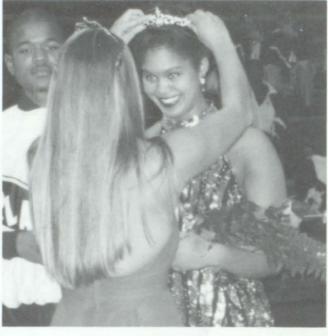
The game itself was also exciting, as the Mules defeated the Kennett Indians. The weather kept us from having a homecoming dance, but a fun time was still had by all.



Tonya Hill, escorted by Raymond Webb



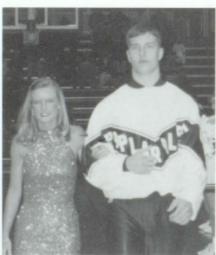
Kera Robertson, escorted by Brian Clark



Queen Tonya Hill



Hollie Fowler, escorted by Kiley Spence



Dee Taylor, escorted by Justin Tune



Holly Teague, escorted by Josh Sparkman



The 1997 Basketball Homecoming Court





Members of the pep band performed and entertained the crowd during the game.

Cheerleaders performed a special dance to music from *Grease* for an entertaining halftime performance.

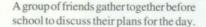
Friends above all

Lasting friendships were one of the best parts of high school. Most people knew that true friends were very hard to come by, but when they did the friendship made would last a lifetime.

Sharp tongues and quick tempers that flared caused friends to experience conflicts. "I look back on all the arguments I've had with my friends and just laugh because I remember how special they are to me," said Sr. Roxanne Patrick.

Some students had different opinions on exactly what qualities a true friend should possess. "A true friend is someone that is always there to listen," said Jr. Christy Thomas. Frosh. Chris Richardson said that a friend is "someone who always gives you a ride home if you need it." Although students ideas on what it takes to be a true friend differed, they all agreed that they could never live without their friends.



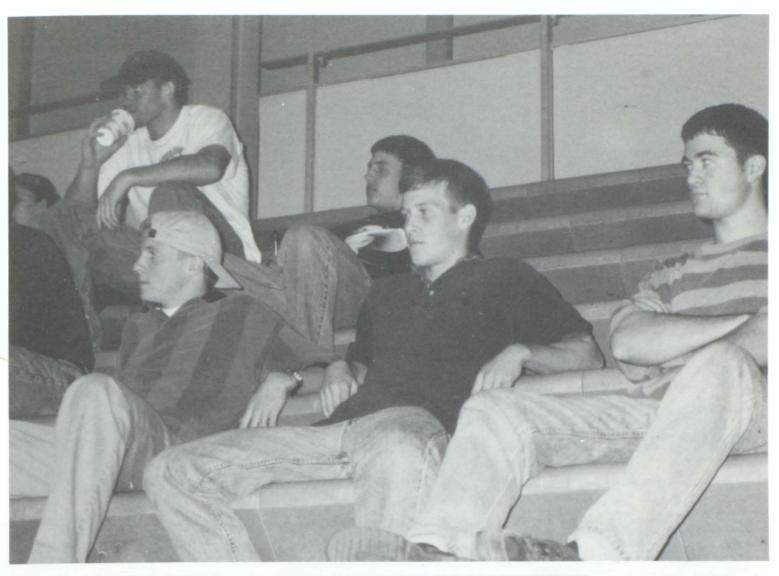






Srs. Heather Shirrell, Sarah Seaton, and Kristy Wyatt anxiously await the beginning of the bonfire.

Jrs.Sheila Choate and Mandi Lambert have fun together at the Key Club Homecoming bonfire.





Srs. Mitch Pogue, Joel Murphy, and Jason McDonald watch a volleyball game.

Srs. Dee Taylor, Shauntae Johnson and Jr. Zuleika Afshar pose for a quick picture before heading to class.

Oh, what a night!

Prom preparations for the 1996 Prom began in October with a record setting \$22,000 worth of magazines sold by the class of 1997. The money was used to create a prom that both juniors and seniors could enjoy. The theme, "It's a Jungle Out There," lent itself to a collage of mountains and

caves, waterfalls, and bright, colorful flowers. Varied shades of green and black balloons made up large jungle trees. The song of the 1996 Prom was "I Live My Life For You."

There were many ups and downs for the juniors who worked on and created prom. "It was very reward-

ing because the entire class worked together for one common goal, "said class officer Sara Stacy. Roxanne Patrick said, "It was difficult because of all the time we had to put in before and after school." BriAnne Merriman summed it up when she said, "It was a lot of hard work, but it was all worth it in the end."

Susan Minner and Naomi Sharp diligently blow up balloons to put the finishing touches on their wall.

Sr. Stephanie Cochran and her boyfriend are enjoying the walk through the crowd.







Student Life/ Amber Wheeler







Sr. Stephanie Sharp and her friend pose in front of a wall of stars.

Srs. Brandi Booker and Rusty Cross take the traditional walk; she wears his tie, he wears her garter.

A group of students show off their creation with pride for the '95-'96 Prom.

A Night Filled With Love

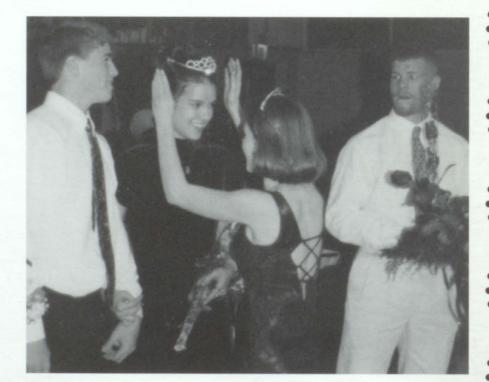
It wasn't quite Valentine's Day, but that didn't stop the Sophomore Class from having the annual Soph. Valentine's Dance. On February 8 they filed into the student center to dance the night away. At 9:30 Tracy Gum and Travis Huffman were crowned Queen and King. Members of the court included: Becca Warner, Amy Love, Stephanie Ridenour, Shanna Hayes, Jared Kennedy, Corey Hamilton, Mark Yarbro, and Christian Salyer.

Saturday morning, officers and other sophomores decorated They filled hundreds of balloons to designate the dance floor, which was strewn with glitter and ribbon streamers. A balloon-covered heart served as the backdrop for pictures.

As Soph. Amanda Hillis summed it up,"We put a lot of work into it and had a lot of fun dancing."







Jr. Danielle Burcham and Soph. Cory Hamilton don't mind to express the fun they are having at the dance.

Retiring Queen Becky Long crowns the '96-'97 Queen, Tracy Gum.









'96-'97 Soph. Valentine King and Queen, Tracy Gum and Travis Huffman.

Soph. Valentine Court (front l.-r.) Christian Salyer, Stephanie Ridenour, Mark Yarbro, Amy Love, (King) Travis Huffman, (Queen) Tracy Gum, Jared Kennedy, Shanna Hayes, Cory Hamilton, Becca Warner.

Friends take time out from dancing to pose for the camera.

Couples dance the night away.

"On the road again"

Drivers licenses Much anticipation filled many students as they looked forward to their 16th birthday. Earning the right to drive was a major goal in most students lives.

Students too young to drive had to depend on upperclassmen friends or parents for rides. Jr. Summer Young said, "I give rides to people whenever their parents leave them."

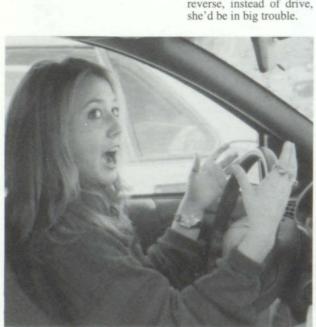
Some students depended on their siblings or

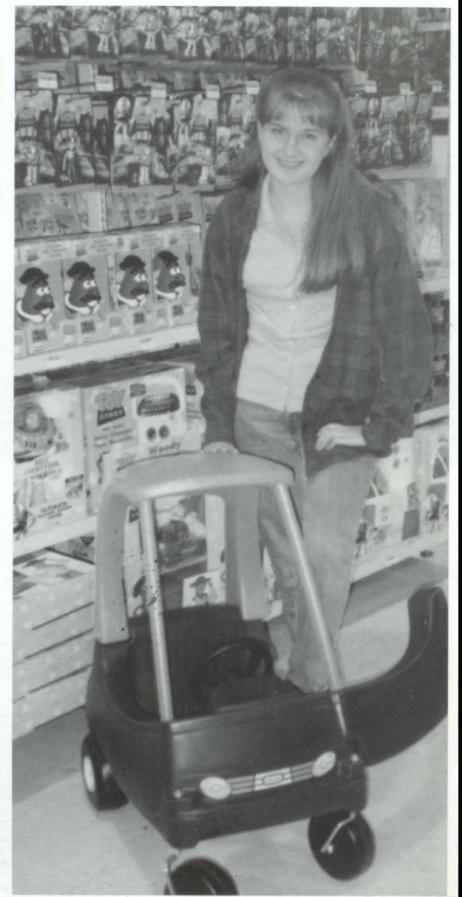
boyfriend/girlfriend for a ride home. Jr. Lorie Crabtree said, "I never really needed to ask anyone for a ride because Doug always took me. But now we switch off driving."

Jr. Andy McCullem asks Jr. Amanda Barger for a ride home.

Jr. Stacy Robison dreams of the day she will have a life-size car.

Jr. Lori Crabtree just pretends to act suprised. If her car was really in reverse, instead of drive, she'd be in big trouble.





THE UNTOUCHABLES

Your week was full of **Strange Days** and you were beginning to think you were stuck in **A Goofy Movie**.

It all started Monday when the car wouldn't start and it's *A Long Walk Home* because you live *A Thousand Acres* away. You asked your *Circle of Friends* but nobody could give you a ride.

Thankfully the faithful bus driver was there to help out. Riding the bus with *The Freshman* seemed to be *An Occasional Hell* but it was better than facing *The Great Outdoors*.

Tuesday wasn't much better. You worked From Dusk Till Dawn trying to write your paper. Dazed and Confused you arrived to school at 7a.m. where the friendly custodial staff was there to greet you.

Wednesday you had a test over a bunch of *Dead Presidents* and you forgot you had to babysit, but thankfully the secretary sent you a note reminding you to pick the *Problem Child* up after school.

Thursday came like a *Twister* but with your *Iron Will* you survived. You swore *The Computer Wore Tennis Shoes* and ran off with your paper, but the truth was you accidentally threw it away. A custodian helped you search his basket and you found your paper.

Just when you thought it was A Time to Kill, Friday arrived. So you made it through the week doing That Thing You Do with the help of the RTHS faculty. You

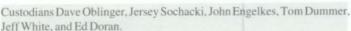
declared it *Independence Day* and told yourself, 'over the weekend, *Don't Be a Menace*.'

Erin M. Bingham

Mr. Creason, Mr. Chadwick, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Bosecker pose with three aerial views of the school, which are on display in the Board of Education room.



Richard Stoll, Francis Bosecker, Henry Bunger, and Dale Bearrows, posing in the 'Squirrel Cage," are just some of the talented custodians at RTHS this year.









Mrs. Wagner always has time for a smile, even while taking care of important school business. RTHS students appreciate the friendly attitude of the secretaries.



Mrs. Danekas, Mr. Creason's secretary, works diligently to make sure that everything runs smoothly.

The Sounds of Music

This year the music department has gone through a lot of changes. The first one being that the choral department has a new teacher, Mr. Landig, which is great because Mr. Cannon now has more time to work on new music.

Mr. Cox again has put together the indoor drumline. The drumline went to more competitions and was bigger and better than last year. There was such an increase in enrollment that the music department went from 200 to almost 400 students. It's a big adjustment, but Mr. Duval and Mr. Cox are excited about the change.

The music department has a variety of options, including concert band, concert choir, men's chorus, madrigals, women's chorus, drumline, marching band, and pep band. By Lisa Headley

Women's choir tries a new piece.









Mr. Duval, Mr. Cox, Mr. Cannon, and Mr. Landig relax after the Christmas Concert.

Concert choir tries to do something different with their music

objects of beauty

During spring break, some of the art students went to Santa Fe, N.M. to study paintings. This is the first time they have ever done this. They are hoping to see all 160 galleries. Their classmates have helped by buying raffle tickets to sponsor this trip. The students also sponsored a dance and a breakfast to raise money. The people who are going are Andre Saint-Louis, Melody Bozek, Hector Rodriguez, Jen Hill, Cassie Inman, Kim Ekes, Dave Hauptman, Dave Arne, Kylene Canham, and Anna-Karin Anderson.

Andre Saint-Louis won an award at the Detour Art Fair for his potrait "The Black Zar." He has also painted a self-potrait.

Dr. Reynolds has been

successful at teaching students the elements of art. Even if you haven't ever painted before, he can teach you how to paint successfully. By Lisa Headley

Tracy Wilson and Shereen Sbeih contributed

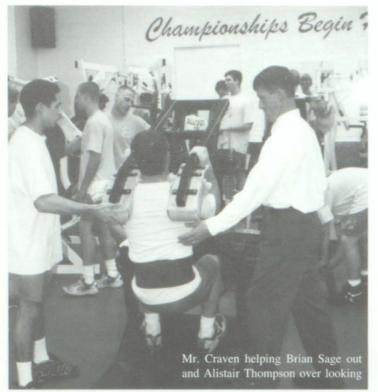
Andre Saint-Louis made this self portrait during fall semester.

Katie Hibner and Eric Vondergathen work in the Art III class.









The Grying Games

Gym is sometimes the right thing you need after a hard test or long lecture. It gives you the opportunity to get some fresh air and exercise. By just shooting some hoops, or by just playing a game of softball, you can relax. Some people just like to play sports as a team or to learn about sports. People use gym to condition for after school activities by taking Conditioning P.E. Freshmen need P.E. because of requirements to take one semester of their high school career. If you have more than one study hall then you are also required to take P.E. P.E can be fun and a good reason to get out of a class and get some exercise.





Randy Ethridge hits the ball to his teammates in Ms. Golan's class





Christin Kinn works up a sweat in PE.

Reema Abuhamoud serves the ball to her opponents.

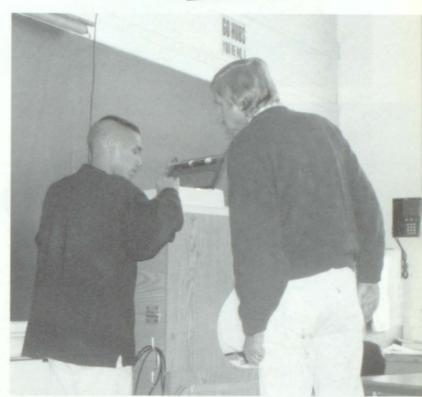
Board with Technology?



Every year, many juniors and seniors run to sign up for Mr. Boardman's Consumers Education class. Being a student in this class can sometimes be very difficult. There are only two options that he offers to his students. .. pass or fail. He has a saying hanging up on the wall near his clock. It says, "Time will pass, will you?" How many times have you read this, wishing that one day the words would slightly change or that someone would accidentally tear it down? There are quite a few people that hated looking at the true and factual saying. The consumer education class is very benificial to students who plan

to live on their own. Mr. Boardman teaches students how to balance their check books, balance their budget, and make ideal investments.

Mr. Bunton, a technology teacher at RTHS, has worked on many projects with his students. Most students who attend RTHS believe that drafting is only for males. Surprisingly, the class consists of many talented engineering females. This class is fun for students who are interested in mechanical drafting, architectural design, and building exciting projects.



By:Melissa Mammen



Mr. Boardman shows Alistair Thompson how to work the printer for grade print-outs.

The technology class designs their own homework assignment and all receive an A.

Mrs. Prabhakar dresses Jennifer Lindmark in the clothing of Southern India.



Mr. Anderson's History I class poses with their Election '96 journals.

Around the World in 180 Days

The Social Sciences
Department offers a wide
variety of interesting and
challenging classes, available
to all students. These classes
include American
Foundations and American
History I and II, which are
required courses for all
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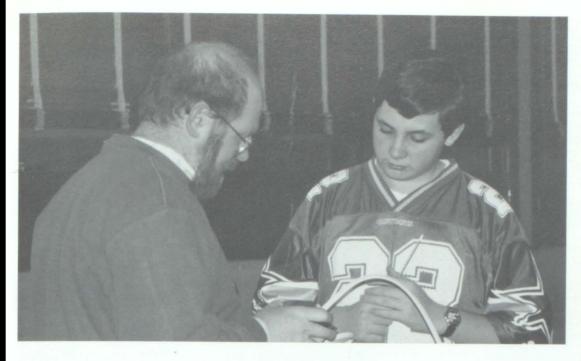
In Mr. Anderson's History I class, the students were required to keep a journal of the 1996 Presidential election. During this time, the students were required to cut out newspaper and magazine articles and write an analysis on these articles. Mr. Anderson said this was an important project for the students because "it got them interested in the election," which he said is a definite

"citizenship skill." All of the students in any one of the Social Studies classes were required to "vote" for their favorite candidate. Mr. Anderson said "President Clinton won the RTHS vote easily!"

Mrs. White had several guest speakers over the course of the year, including the Thiara children and Mrs. Prabhaker. Mr. Higgs teaches American History as well as an occasional Modern World History class. Mr. Bennett, another member of the Social Sciences Department, teaches Sociology and Problems of Democracy. Mr. Sandholm spends a good deal of his time teaching American History. By Carrie Blomberg and Eric Williams



Perry and Jessie Thiara explain their religion of Sikh to Mrs. White's Ancient World History class while at the same time singing to them.



Mr. Hintzsche helps Scott Rains with his electrical wiring project.

More than just

Children of the Corn

There are four levels of agriculture classes available to students now. In Ag.I the areas of study include Food Science, Agronomy, Animal Science, Agribusiness, Agricultural Recordkeeping, Mechanics, Biotechnology and Horticulture. Ag.II builds on the topics from Ag. I, in addition a major portion of the year is spent on the study

of aquaculture. Ag. III teaches biological sciences as they apply to agriculture. The objective of Ag. IV is to have learned everything involved in owning and/or working in the agricultural business.

Mr. Hintzsche's agriculture classes were in the fish business very briefly this year. The students were

caring for six hundred large fish. The fish produced so much waste that the tank's filtering system could not keep up. The ammonia in the waste caused the fish to suffocate. Mr. Hintzsche planned to try the experiment again later in the spring using smaller fish. By Carrie Blomberg



Matt Heisner and Mike Schweitzer work together in Ag I.

Matt Schabacker, Matt Jordal, Scott Reed, Jeff Reed, and Jacob Hueber work on a fishy experiment.







Nightmare or Mach Street?

Mr. Pence's math class brings the holiday spirit to the other math classes.

Miss Pratt makes Trigonometry fun. (Left).

Mrs. Toohey shows school spirit by participating in Spirit Week. (Bottom)



Math is one of those classes that many students dread. However, math is also a required course for those who plan on attending college. Over the years, math has become more interesting. The math teachers now have access to graphing calculators which help the students learn by seeing how math works. The math teachers have also tried to make math more fun for the students. Do you remember making paper snowflakes in third grade? Miss Pratt's trigonometry classes made paper snowflakes this year to illustrate symmetry. Over the years, math and its applications have changed a lot, and the teachers have worked hard to keep up with the changes. So you see, math can be fun if you let it. *By Eric Williams*



Who could go wrong under Ms. Swegle's instruction?

Don't Forget Paris

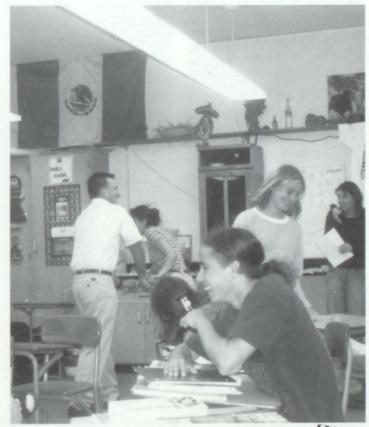
Ms. Swegle's French III class works diligently.

Mr. Budzyn's Spanish IV class--and they call this learning?



Or Spain, for that matter. Is foreign language really a necessity? According to the foreign language teachers, it is. If you ask any one of the four foreign language teachers, learning a foreign language is a great way to impress employers and will likely allow you to earn more money. The foreign language teachers all agree that learning a foreign language also enhances one's understanding of other cultures. Studying a foreign language is difficult, but well worth your time if you care about it. If you're looking for a challenge, the

foreign language department is the place to be. By Eric Williams



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Jenny Beck helps Ms. Devine solve a murder mystery in her Biology II class.



The outline of Mr. Crandall's body is the only evidence left.

Working with Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde & Three Men and a Baby

There have been many events in classes over the course of the 1996-1997 school year. Students studied hard and made sure they had a good time while doing so. Many of RTHS seniors had worked harder than they ever had just to get through their last year. A lot of teacher interactions with fun activities have been fun for students as well as teachers.

Mrs. Devine plotted a murder for her Biology II class to solve. The assignment was to collect as much information and DNA samples as possible to convict the (fictional) killer

of Mr. Crandall.

Mr. Oldenburg's physical science classes again created tie-dye masterpieces. Those students also searched the school for the author of Mr. Oldenburg's infamous water riddle, "Water, water, everywhere."

Mrs. Connor's Child-hood and Parenting class had once again introduced the arrival of egg babies for an entire week at RTHS. The assignment required students to take the egg babies everywhere they went. Mrs. Connor's class also hosted the annual Pre-School Halloween. The children dressed up in their best

costumes and went to Mrs. Connor's class for a Halloween party.

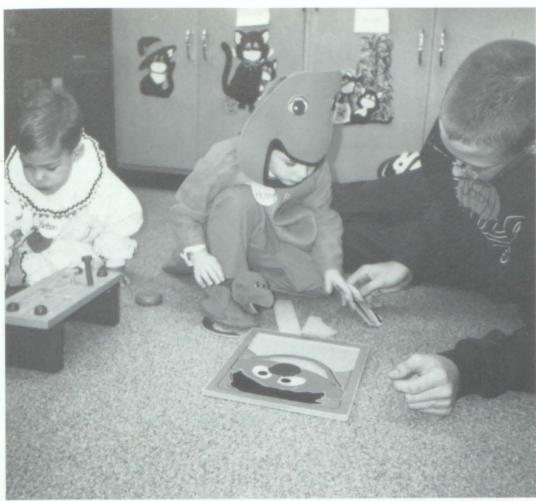
Who could resist the wonderful smells coming from Mrs. Schaefer's room? Again her classes decorated cakes, studied cheeses, and learned to plan menus.

The Adult Living classes discussed important topics, such as budgeting and family relationships.

As the 1997 school year comes to a close, many of these fond memories from Child and Parenting and the sciences will stay in the minds of everyone.

By Melissa Mammen





Emily Eyster and Erin Depaw find plants for Mr. Hendricks' class.

Jeramy Brown, a student in Mrs. Connor's Child and Parenting class, helps Barney put together a puzzle during the Pre-School Halloween party.













Amy Schmidt, a senior, works diligently on her Physics in Mr. Elmer's class.

Kristen Byrd, Stephanie Reineck, Rachel Schoenrock, and Stephanie Olsen show off their egg babies.



A League of Their Own

The English Department continued to provide students with a solid base in English while making a few changes.

Novels was welcomed as a new class this year which focused on reading such novels as Jane Eyre, The Kitchen's God Wife, Frankenstein, and The Catcher in the Rye. A lot of students enjoyed the new class but some found it difficult to do so much reading. Angie Tyler, a junior said, "Novels was like Twister because you always have to be caught up in the reading, but you're reading like two books for novels and two books for American Literature and it's just hectic. Trying to read four books at once, doing four projects for each book, and trying to work all the time. It's like you're in a tornado and you can't come out."

Another change that occurred was the renaming of English II to Literature and Composition Review.

Amidst all of the changes, regular classes continued to enrich students. Creative Writing students continued the tradition of printing the *Hub Chronicle*, an annual printing of student's work.

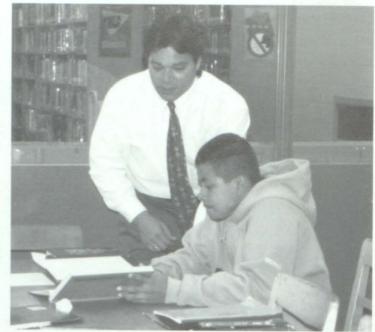
Other English I, Literary and Composition Review, Public Speaking, American Literature Before and American Literature After 1900. Intermediate

Composition, Modern Readings I and II, Mythology, Speech, World Literature, Dramatic Literature, British Literature, Expository Writing and Journalism.

A new teacher was also added to the English Department this year. Mrs. Hunter teaches Intermediate Comp and English I. In addition to that, she is the Assistant Speech coach.

Erin M. Bingham

Mr. Lekkas helps student Danny Reyes with research for his class, Literature and Composition Review.





Mrs. Hunter's English I class decorated a Victorian Christmas tree during the Great Expectations unit.

Jenny Beck, Poseidon, Ruler of the Sea, participated in the Mythology class's Best God Contest.





Virtuosity







Cosmo students Emily Prewett, Sarah Pelayo, Angie Smith, and Renee Abdallah, strut their stuff for the Tatler.

Eddie V. Villalobos, Ozzy Esparza, Dan Childers, and John Mills prove that Mechanics can be fun. Auto Mechanics I is a Kishwaukee Education Consortium taught in Rochelle by instructor Mr. Mc Minn.

Technology and Vocational classes are some of RTHS student's favorite courses. These hands-on classes provide a solid base for future job placement, but more importantly can be a lot of fun.

The classes can also be challenging. Steve King, Brian Moore, and Adam Rainwater, students in Mr. Bunton's Engineering Drafting, all related their class to the movie title *Mission Impossible* because, "It's impossible to get a 10 on a drawing."

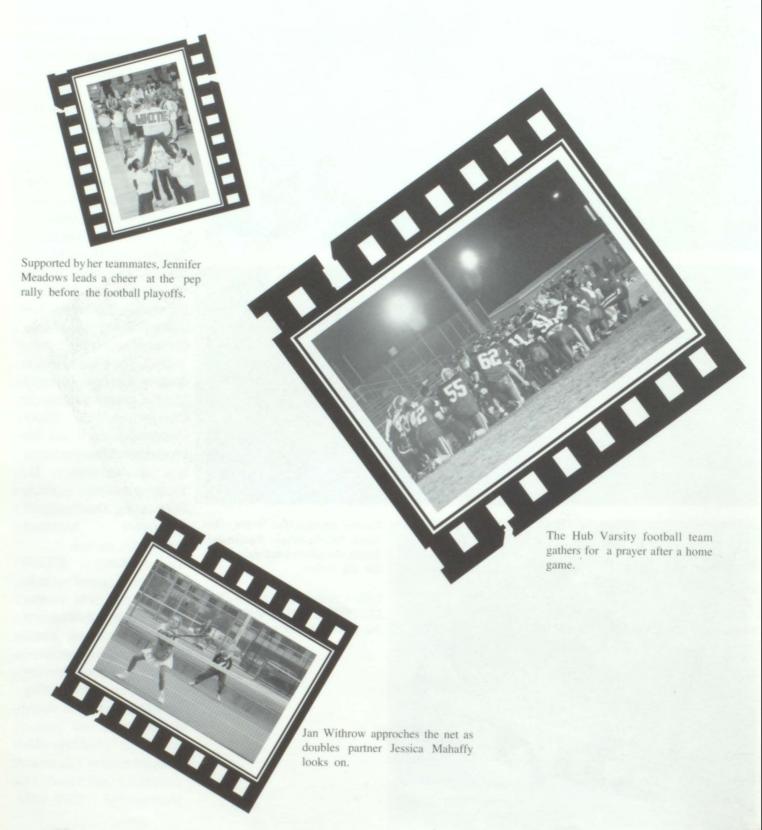
Technology
courses include; Energy/
Mass Communication I,
Energy II, Mass
Communication II and III,
Production/Transportation
I, Production II,
Transportation II,
Engineering Drafting, and
Computer Assisted
Drafting.

Many RTHS students spend their afternoons at the Kishwaukee Education Consortium classes. There are many classes offered through this program, the most popular ones being Cosometology and Auto Mechanics.

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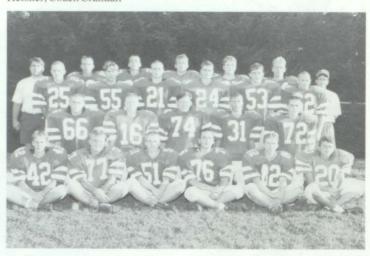
Varsity Tennis Row 1: Sarah McKibben, Angie Alfano, Jennifer Russell, Allison Creekmur, Jan Withrow Row 2: Jennifer Truckenbrod, Stacy Withrow, Crystal Fruit, Lea Creekmur, Sarah Stechschulte Row 3: Shannon Buckley, Trisha Pfeiffer, Jessica Mahaffey, Kathy Shaw, Sarah Tilton, Coach Pence



Varsity Football Row 1: Jay Tolan, Andy Garza, Brian Harper, Adam Kemp, Mike Metzger, Mike Spohn, Brian Sage Row 2: Manager Mike Palmer, James Cook, Ben Parli, Ryan McRoberts, Tom Tanner, Brett Zick, Donnie Goddard, Manager Kris Ekes Row 3: Jeremiah Foltz, Mursi Sbeih, Adam Heal, Kyle Ecklund, Brian Jacoby, Chris Hayden, Coach Craven Row 4: Coach Mahoney, Brad Hale, Mike Wetzel, Brad Metzger, Dave Tess, Trent Luxton, Chris Heisner, Coach Crandall



Junior Varsity Tennis Row 1: Abby Cook, Sara Sevedge, Taryn Brooks, Jessie Thiara, Arin Alberts, Vanessa Zurbuch, Colleen Duprey Row 2: Sarah Harper, Devin Lutgens, Jessica Herbert, Erica Davis, Sarah Metzger, Heather Bonnell, Heidi Gensler Row 3: Heather Ramsey, Carol Hendricks, Erica Wuchte, Brittany Boardman, Heather Hill, Megan VanLerberge, Kristen Hamilton, Coach Lekkas



Sophomore Football Row 1: Neal Mannel, Scott Luxton, Matt Ahlberg, Jeff Chase, Erik Ahlberg, Shannon Dickey Row 2: Farley McBride, Kyle Kissack, Corey McBride, Mark Moellering, Sean Olson Row 3: David Johanning, Paul Messer, Chris Reynolds, Joe Tourdot, Matt Scott, Mike Tilton Row 4: Coach Worthington, Brian Hultgren, Kyle Zick, Derek Horner, Dan Nall, Derek Huber, Coach Zalapi.



Varsity Cheer Team Row 1: Kellie King, Mia Ramsey, Jodi Peters Row 2: Melissa Johnson, Tracy Wilson Row 3: Anna Ogden, Elizabeth Glaws, Nicole Edwards



Frosh Football Row 1: Dominic Mireles, Zack Schaeffer, Lucas Streit, Mark Hewitt, Bret Krabbe, Kyle Page Row 2: Andrew Macklin, Tim Jennings, Kursten Strothman, Nathan Kessen, Jon Long, Justin McBride, Dale Wells Row 3: Coach Vallianatos, Steve Gleissner, Alex Hueramo, Joe Woodyard, Joe Tourdot, Ben Mershon, Chris Campos, Coach Budzyn Row 4: Matt Mickley, Derek Horner, Josh Loyd, Jason Pfister, Kyle Zick



Hard work pays off





Quill and Scroll is an International Honarary Society for high school journalists who exhibited responsibility, dedication, and leadership. To qualify a student must be a junior or a senior in the upper third of their class. They also must have held a position on the yearbook or newspaper staff, completing superior work in some phase of journalism or school publications. Sr. Tiffany Keen said, "I consider it a privilege to have worked on both the yearbook and newsmagazine staffs. Quill and Scroll is a symbol of accomplishment these publications."

Quill and Scroll members (front row l.-r.) Kera Robertson, Stacie Vaughn, Melissa Martin, Tiffany Keen, Susan Minner, Kristy Wyatt, Heather Shirrell, Mandy Seals, Nicolette Greer, Melody Ezell (second row) Mary Hays, Sara Stacy, Emily Price, Becky Long, Keli Robertson, Holly Fowler, Melanie Gregg, Brooke Young, Stacy Black (third row) Wesley Brooks, Traci Ferguson, Ashley Dille, Tonya Hill, Sarah Barton, Katie Brown, Amanda Beard, Heather Resnik, Jennifer Williams, Naomi Sharp (fourth row) Shelley Gutterman, Tiffany Thomas, Rebecca Kinney, Amber Wheeler, Julia Brown, Helen Bumpus, Kate Nichols, Jami Ellison, Daniel Seawel.



Sr. Brooke Young works diligently to complete her layout before the deadline.

Sr. Tiffany Keen and Jr. Mandy Seals use the computer to lay out the newsmagazine.

An honorary tradition

Beta Club is an organization for sophs., jrs., and srs. with a minimum of an 8.0 GPA. Beta Club offers many activities at school and in the community. As Sr. April Rone explained, "I like working at the Rescue Mission on Saturdays.

Some students join Beta Club because of college, while others joined for help in high school. Soph. Amanda Dobbs explained, "I want to be in a club that encourages me to keep my grades up." Jr. Ketan Patel said, Beta's an honor and it is fun." Whatever the reason, Beta Club is a dash of difference that should never be left out of any high school tradition.







Soph. Stacey Buffington receives her Beta club card from Jr. Heather Divine.

'96-'97 Beta Club

Soph. Rachel Cooper receives her Beta club pin from Sr. Greg Lyons.

Reading, what a concept

Literary Club is an organization that allowed students to read Charlie Classic Books, and discuss the book with other club members. Some students joined Literary Club in order to get help in English. Sr. Amy Surber said, "Reading classics through Literary Club helps increase my vocabulary." Jr. Ryan Schlimpert explained, "I wanted to read and discuss books with my friends."

Some student used Literary Club to help them read 100 classics and be eligible for the \$25,000 scholarship given by the Claudia Company. Jr. Louie Smith said, "Literary Club helps me read enough books for the scholarship."





'96-'97 Literary Club officers (front l.-r.) Amy Surber, Julia Brown, Gennie Gieselmann, Sarah Macey, L.J. Boatright, Rachel Cooper.

'96-'97 Literary Club

Leading the way

Voicing your opinion, making a positive impact on our school, and having fun were just a few of the things happening the first Wednesday morning of every month at the Student Council meeting. Sr. Stacy Henry, vice-president, said "Student Council gives me the opportunity to make a difference in school by voicing student views." Jr. Christy Thomas, a SC rep, said, "I enjoy being in Student Council because it gives me a chance to make a positive impact on our school."

Student Council, made up of 56 representatives (one from each first hour class), hosted a back-to-school dance (they made \$330 this year), and football and basketball homecoming dances. Last year Student Council painted the poles in front of the school, and decorated individual doors for Christmas and Homecoming. At the end of the school year, they took a trip to Six Flags in St. Louis.

Heather Shirrell, Student Council president, said, "I enjoy having a chance to make changes in our school. It's great to look back on all the accomplishments that have been made."

Jr. Sarah Dausmann serves punch at a Student Council gathering honoring the visiting governor.

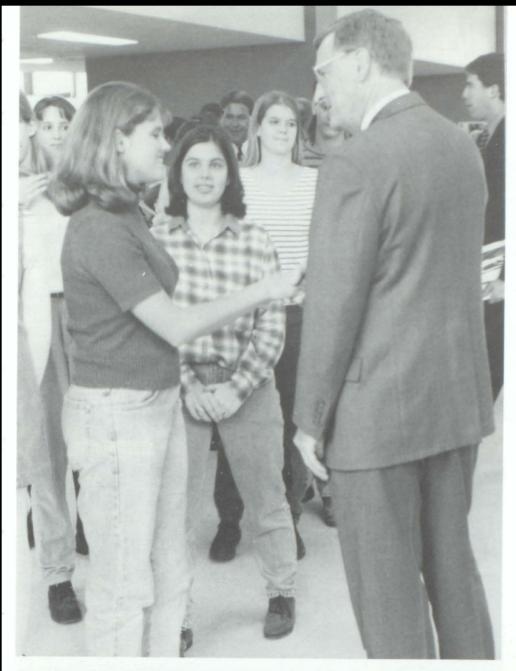




Heather Shirrell, Student Council president, and Stacy Henry, vice-president, speak with Governor Bill Carnahan when he visited our campus. Carnahan is responsible for many education programs, including A+ Schools.

After her talk students, Republican candidate Jo-Ann Emerson chats with Mr. Slayton and Heather Shirrell about the upcoming election.







Stu-co officers (l.-r.):sec. Dee Taylor, pres. Heather Shirrell, vice-pres. Stacy Henry, parliamentarian Becky Long treasurer Julia Brown

Frosh. Stacy Eastwood shakes hands with Governor Carnahan in a receiving line after his speech.



Student Council



Sr. Stephanie Sharp hugs a new friend on the choir's caroling trip to local nursing homes.



Sr. Greg Lyons and Jr. Adam Nelson concentrate intently while accompaning the concert choir.

PBHS Choir

PBHS Choraliers







After enjoying a good lunch at Ryan's Steakhouse, the choir performs.

Sr. Stacy Henry practices tirelessly for the upcoming choir performance.

Sing to be heard



Caroling, performing for concerts, and practicing were all part of being in choir and choralers. Choir consisted of a combination of boys and girls whereas choraliers was all girls.

Choir members were involved in many activities, ranging from adopting a grandparent at Christmas to holding pizza parties to bring the choir together as a whole. "Choir is interesting because you have to be talented to sing," frosh. Marcus Berry said. To "show off" their talent, they performed in a concert for their families. The choir competed in All-District and All-State competitions, for which Sr. Pilar Dawe and Jr. Suzanne McDonald were selected. Jr. Sloan Parker enjoyed choir for another reason: "We always get out of school, and that's worth it."

Choraliers were also active with caroling and a Christmas party. This year, they got new dresses to perform in.

A group of choir members gather together at a local nursing home to give a man joy during the holiday season.

Turn up the music

In May '96, the Sho-Me Band traveled to Orlando, Florida to compete in the All-American Music Festival. The Band returned with five trophies after plenty of hard work and a lot of fun.

The Sho-Me Band began the year with a number of changes, including two new band directors, Mr. Scott Tomlison and Mr. Jim Hawkins. They also received new Marching Band uniforms of white pants and maroon and white jackets trimmed in gold.

The Sho-Me Marching Band attended four marching festivals in October. Band members were especially excited when they made finals at the Lafayette High School Marching Festival. It marked the first time in four years of competition that the Sho-Me Band made finals.

The Concert Band performed several concerts throughout the year, along with the jazz band and the stage band. The Pep band led the crowd in spirited music at pep rallies and basketball games.

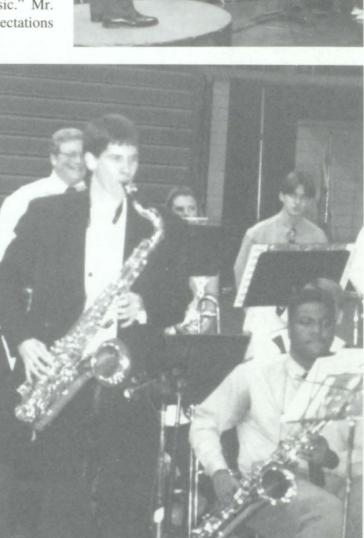
Soph. Corey Emerson said, "I like being in band because it gives me an opportunity to do what I love - play music." Mr. Tomlison said, "[The band] performed above my expectations and as well as they could."

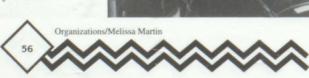
Mr. Scott Tomlison gets into the music as he directs the band at the Christmas Concert.

Jr. Chad Douglas plays his saxophone solo in jazz band.



Jr. Adam Nelson plays the drum set at an after-school "jam session."











The Sho-Me Band stands at attention while waiting to begin their performance at half-time.

All-District Band members are (front, 1.-r.) Jr. Dewayne Williams, Sr. Greg Lyons, Jr. Adam Nelson. (back) Soph. Jimmy Husky, Jr. Chris Jenkins, Jr. Chad Douglas, Jr. Eric Jackson, Soph. Corey Emerson, and Soph. Jason Payne.

The Sho-Me Band



Twirlin' It Up

The 1997 Winterguard decided after discussing various ideas to base their winter show on the popular movie <u>The Crow</u>. The theme that determined the show would be all cast in black, with the girls wearing vests and skirts. The backdrop included the crow emblem and a miniature city.

The girls had a great time performing at their many festivals every weekend in March. The girls practiced 5-7 Monday and Thursday, and 10-12 on Saturdays.

Sr. Cassie Birch said, "This year there are more people so it is more interesting." Soph. Nancy Culbertson said, "The uniforms are more fashionable for the '90's girl." Soph. Connie Lucas said, "It is harder for me to catch on" because she is left-handed and it is her first year to be a member of the squad.



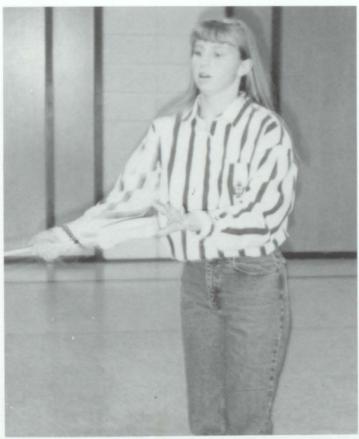


Jr. Ladonne Ortiz concentrates on the perfect rifle toss.

Sr. Amanda Pratt keeps time with her routine.









Sr. Cassie Birch works at getting the flags in order.

Frosh. Tiffany Rommel stands at attention.

Jr. Tara Robertson shows the perfect flag lift.

Sr. Amy Dancer practices with her saber

Today's Work Force

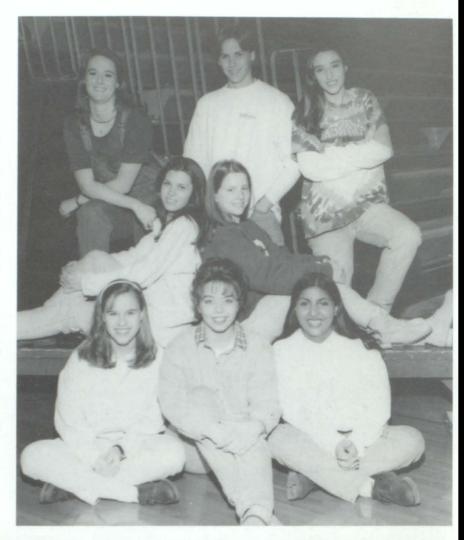
Marketing and Cooperative Education (MCE) is a business course that has allowed students to get out of school early to go to work.

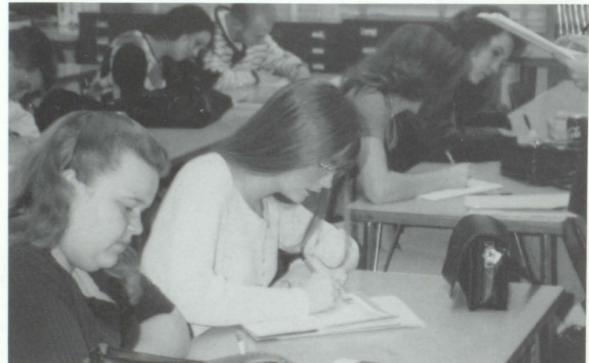
Some students joined MCE because it allowed them to go to work and earn both money and a grade for it at the same time."MCE gives me an opportunity to join the work force and get credit for it, "Jr. Dara Macgruder explained.

Students learned that MCE has many advantages. Sr. Lance Moore explained, "MCE helped me find a good job, and now I know more about business."

Jr. Heather Ward explained how MCE has helped her, "MCE helped me learn how to manage working with people, and how to handle situations better."

MCE students could join DECA club, which is a voluntary membership club. Getting a head start on traditional work adds a dash of difference in today's modern age for MCE students.





DECA club officers (from L-r.): Mindy Wilhoit, Jaclyn Olmstead, Gennifer Flores, Rachel Turpin, Hillary McGinty, Helen Bumpus, Justin Laffoon, Jodi Willis.

Srs. Laura Davis and Crystal Johnson practice filling out a job application.

Organizations/Wesley Brooks







Sr. Jodi Willis copies down the notes from the board.

Jr. Dara Magruder clocks out for a break at Kroger.

'96 -'97 MCE students

Wesley Brooks/Organization

Act like you've been told

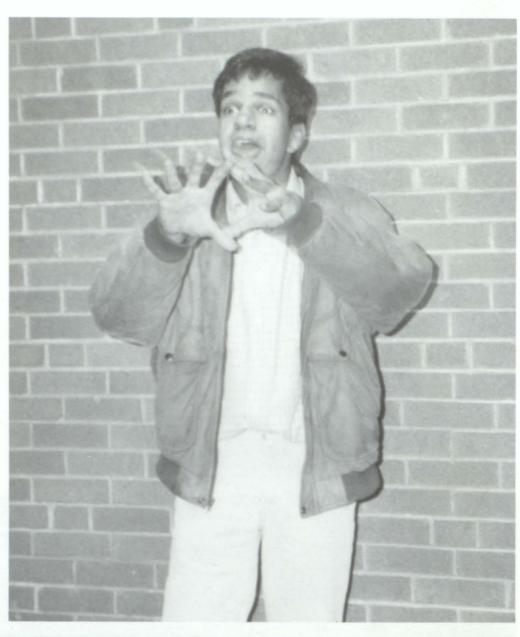
Without the benefit of Speech and Drama, many people might make fools of themselves when speaking in front of groups. In speech, students learned to be composed and comfortable when speaking. Jr. Becky Long said she enjoyed being on the Speech team because "it has helped me to become more comfortable in front of an audience."

The Speech and Drama team traveled to different tournaments. Jr. Liz Degaris said "Speech is interesting because you get to meet a lot of different people at the tournaments."

Speech coach Miss JoNell Seifert believed that competing was worthwhile because, "Communication skills are essential to succeed in life. Through competition, students learn how to research, listen, speak effectively, and gain self-confidence."

Jr. Ketan Patel brings lots of laughter to his audience as he performs his Humorous Interpretation.

Srs. Cherie Prenger and Stephanie Franklin look over their duet before their performance.









A group of speech team members listen intently as Sr. Amber Wheeler describes in detail her tournament performance.

Speech officers (l. to r.): Keli Robertson, Stephanie Sharp, Amber Wheeler, Julia Brown, & Ketan Patel.







Jr. Daniel Seawel pauses while he performs his Prose Reading for the junior high students.

After much practice and work, Junior Stacey Robison makes competing look easy.

Preparing for the future

Students who attend classes at the Technical Career Center have many vocational options. They experienced hands-on training which prepares them for life after high school. Those who attended the T.C.C. have the option of joining VICA. Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) is a youth organization of over 180 people. VICA not only promotes vocational activities, but community service as well. VICA member generously donated their time by picking up trash along the highway, and they adopted a needy family forThanksgiving and Christmas.

VICA is not, however, all work and no play. Every year, a competition is held in February, (in Kennett this year) and the students compete against other students in their district. Successful students advanced to state and national finals.

Although many jobs require continuing education, T.C.C. students could be assured of a head start with the training they already received.



Srs. Kevin Pope, Chad Bruce and Mike Head gather around their project.

A group of friends discuss what they learned that day in class.





Jr. Chad Keeney, and Jeremiah Boatwright labor tirelessly on their car for Auto Mechanics.









Sr. Jerry Crafford discovers the true meaning of manual labor as he learns how to build a house.

Srs. Kelly Spencer, Jeri Sitzes, and Mandy Hayes prove that work can be fun as they learn to carve a pumpkin.

Jr. Denni White concentrates hard on his work.

Reaching for the stars

Future Teachers of America (FTA) challenged the students involved in FTA and encouraged them to do their best. Members do not necessarily have to be interested in being a teacher. Many of the FTA members joined simply because they appreciated teachers.

In the fall, members participated in American Education week. FTA members visited all the Poplar Bluff public school employees and told them, "You deserve one hundred grand," popped open a briefcase, and handed them a 100 Grand candy bar. Sr. Melissa Felts said, "The best part would have to be passing out the candy. I got to surprise Mrs. Desgranges, my sixth grade teacher."

During the spring, members had the chance to shadow an elementary school teacher of their choice for a day. Soph. Historian Stacey Berry commented, "I think that shadowing is the best part because you get to see what goes on in the classroom." To be eligible to do this, members attended at least four meetings and participated in American Education week.



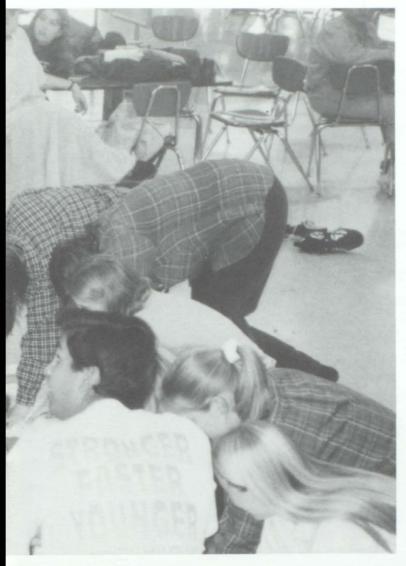


Sgt. Richardson is pleased that he was named Toughest Teacher in the teacher celebrities contest during American Education Week

Prospective potential members learned about FTA's functions while enjoying pizza.

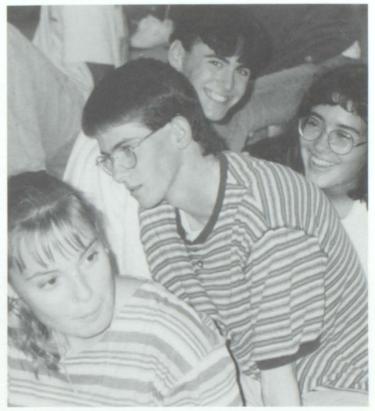












Members learned the art of cooperating while playing games at the inductions.

FTA officers are Secretary April Birdsong, President Jami Ellison, Historian Stacey Berry, Treasurer Stacy Buffington, Vice-President April Rone.

Jrs. Aimee Rushin, Chad Douglas, Tommy Carpenter and Soph. Jessica Kline get tangled up in their games at Twister.

96-'97 Future Teachers of America

Helping Others is the Key

Whether members picked up trash along the highway, decorated the Rescue Mission for holidays, raised money for the Children's Miracle Network, or handed out peanuts at Wal-Mart, helping others through community involvement was the key in Key Club. With over 70 members, Key Club did many service projects for the betterment of Poplar Bluff. "I like being involved in the community and helping people along with other students, and Key Club gives me the opportunity to do so," said Sophomore Amanda Hillis.

Gary Lewis, faculty adviser for Key Club, said, "Key Club is good for the students because it helps them develop responsibility, character, a sense of community, and helps them to work together toward a common objective."

> Soph. Rachel Keeling hands a grinning young boy a package of peanuts in thanks for his donating to the Kiwanis Club.

> Jrs. Heather Holden, Katie Brown, and Sr. Brandi Booker take a Saturday morning to help pick up trash on the highway.

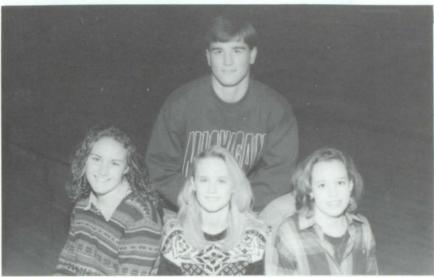








Handing out peanuts for the Kiwanis Peanut Day at Wal-Mart, soph. Stephanie Ridenour helps to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network.







Jrs. Sarah Dausmann, Jessica Walker, and Sarah Barton decorate a table at the Rescue Mission with a centerpiece.

Key Club officers (left to right): President Julia Brown, Vice-President Ryan Schlimpert, Secretary Brandi Booker, and Treasurer Sarah Dausmann.

Key Club members take a moment topose before picking up trash along the highway.

Partying sober

Turning Resources and Energy in New Directions, or TREND, is a club designed to teach kids of all levels that it is possible to have fun without the use of drugs or alcohol.

Some of the activities TREND sponsored included TREND's annual BYOB (bring your own banana) party; everyone brings a banana to have a banana split party. The DARE role models program is where the TREND members have a chance to influence the younger kids, and try to keep them from using drugs or alcohol.

Sr. Mike Roach said, "When I was in the fifth and sixth grade, they had just started the DARE role models. They impressed me, so I decided to become a role model to give back what I got from them."

TREND also sponsored the big brother/big sister program, which helped the W-K Elementary School kids to not be afraid of attending junior high and senior high. TREND also joined in with the W-K kids and had a Christmas party.

TREND has over 40 members, who have learned that having fun, and teaching younger children, is more important than using drugs or alcohol.

TREND officers: Pres. Sr. Greg Lyons, V.P Sr. Kristy Wyatt, Historian Jr. Melissa Martin, Treasurer Sr. Melissa Sullivan, and Sec. Sr. Helen Bumpus.

The 1996-97 TREND Club

Frosh. Rachel Seaton draws a TREND poster to announce the next meeting.

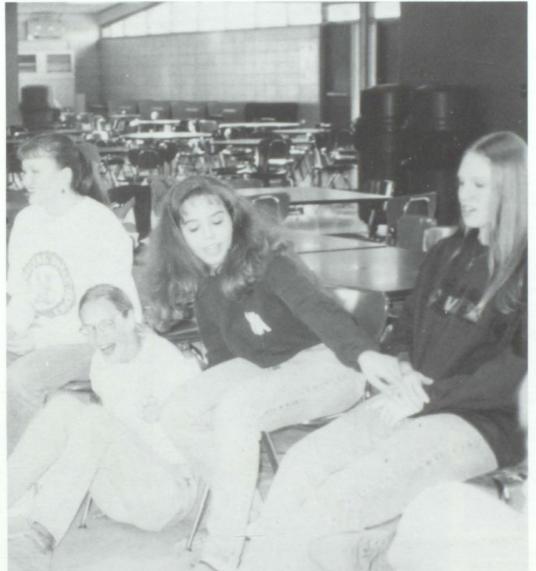












Sr. Greg Lyons plays the piano while singing a Christmas carol at the TREND Christmas party.

Jr. Summer Young listens as TREND sponsor Mrs. Ann Kneibert explains the next meeting's agenda.

Jr. Tina Stout, soph. Becky Miles, Sr. Jaclyn Olmstead, and soph. Rachael Keeling play a game at a TREND meeting.

Going against the flow

YIELD (Young Individuals Enjoying Learning Discipleship) is an organization which met every Wednesday morning. Jr. Adam Nelson said that "YIELD is exciting because you get to hang out with a different crowd of people. It forms togetherness in worshipping Christ."

Yield organized PBHS'
"See You at the Pole" in late
September. This year almost 200
students attended the gathering. Yield
also provided spiritual enrichment to
students before school once a week.
"Yield is uplifting and I enjoy the

fellowship of other Christians," said Jon Kirby.

Yield met once a month at night, providing a good, clean environment for fun. Among other activities, they enjoyed bonfires and cookouts.

Greg Lyons, vice-president; Naomi Sharp, president; Stephanie Sharp, treasurer; Kristy Wyatt, secretary.

A group of YIELD members listen intently to their Wednesday morning speaker.







Sr. Greg Lyons gives an inspiring devotion one Wednesday morning.

YIELD members smile when they think about the fun they've had this year.



We are lions; hear us roar

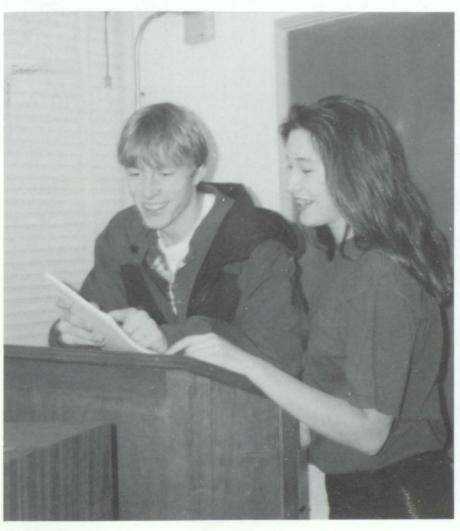


Leo Club enjoyed a prosperous first year at PBHS, "Sponsored by the Lion's club, Leo Club is a public service organization which strives to increase community involvement in young people," said Mark Henson, faculty adviser. Sr. Willie Gresham said, "I enjoyed being president because it gave

The Leo Club officers grin when they ponder their weekly lunches at Ryan's Steakhouse. me the opportunity to help the community through service projects."

Leo members worked at the Lion's club Bass Tournament, hosted a charity Poker Tournament, and helped to recycle old glasses for other's use. Mark Roth said, "Leo Club gave me the chance to help others for a good cause."

Charter members of Leo Club, sponsored by Lion's club, smile for the camera.



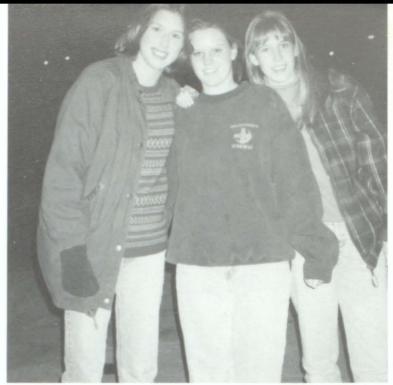




President Willie Gresham, sr., conducts a meeting with sr. Liz Degaris' help.

Frosh. Emily Clark enjoys lunch with her father and other Lion's Club members.





Strong to the finish

Students who wanted good food, great fun, friendly fellowship and a smorgasboard of laughs joined the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. FCA met twice a month; once co-ed and once separately.

Soph. Katie Farris liked the co-ed meetings best because "they're fun and have more food and better entertainment." However, Frosh. Kristin Woolverton said she thinks that "you get more out of girl's meetings because there are less people there."

Coach Cathy McManus, FCA adviser for 11 years, agreed: "When guys and girls are separate, there's a higher spiritual level and deeper sharing."

Poplar Bluff's FCA is the only branch in Missouri that still meets separately. Coach McManus also said that "coed meetings are good because it's a social time for kids to see other Christians and

to help each other grow." Jr. Ketan Patel enthusiastically said "I enjoy FCA because I'm around other Christians. Christians rock!"

Coach Dave Sievers is the adviser of Men's FCA. Coach McManus said, "He's so easy to work with. I don't know how anybody wouldn't get along with him."

Coach McManus summed up her feelings: "Ilove it! I love to touch people's lives for Christ. I can be really down and every time I come back from a meeting, I feel better. It motivates me."

FCA is a time for fellowship and fun with friends. After a night of fun at the FCA Christmas party, a group of members look quite happy.

Sophs. Sarah Montgomery, Amy Love, and Gennie Gieselmann have a blast in the cold at the FCA Hayride.

Girl's officers: Sarah Barton, Becky Long, Tonya Huck, Tiffany Thomas, Amanda Hillis, Laura Jane Busby, Brandi Booker, Gennie Gieselmann











Soph. Jay Clark concentrates intently on his airhockey game at an FCA gathering.

Friendly smiles are abundant at the FCA Christmas Party.

Organizations/ Julia Brown

A language of their own



Sr. Tiffany Keen wears her prizewinning costume at the Day of the Dead party.

Soph. Chareca Harris and Jr. Aletha Shoffner enjoy the plethora of food at the Christmas party.

Amidst the many clubs in our school, Spanish Club stood out for its diversity. Whether the Spanish Club threw pies at each other, celebrated the Day of the Dead, or played Duck Duck Goose, they were definitely unique.

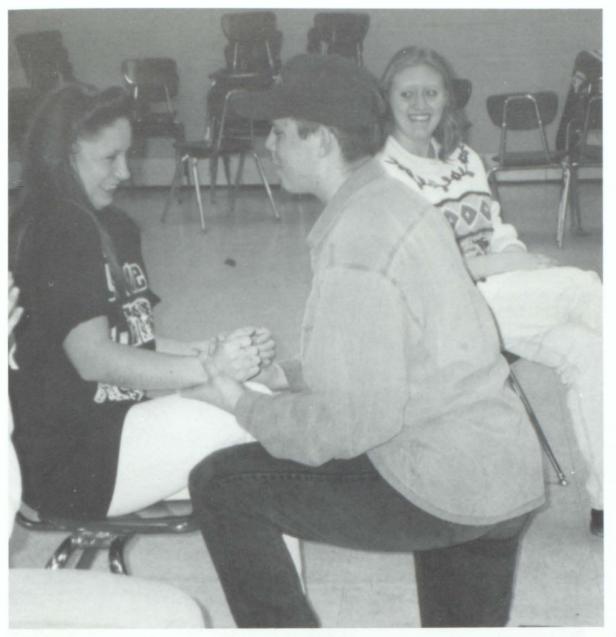
Spanish Club offered many different opportunities for students. "I enjoy Spanish Club because it's fun and we do crazy things," said Jr. Amanda Reasons. Sr. Jessica Martin said, "It's fun to learn about Spanish culture."

Spanish Club celebrations included a Cinco de Mayo celebration, a Christmas Party, and a trip to Six Flags in St. Louis. Party activities included costume contests, dances, pie tosses, pinatas, and many games.

Spanish Club provided an opportunity to have fun with the language and culture of the Hispanic world.







Jr. Daniel Whitworth woos Sr. Melissa Sullivan as they play a round of "Baby, if you love me will you please, please smile" at the Christmas Party.

Senor Smith collects gifts from Spanish Club members as gifts for Toys for Tots.

Senor Smith shows what happens when members get feisty with pies at the Day of the Dead Party.





Julia Brown/Organizations

A Different Culture

For many German Club students, the German language and culture is quite different than other foreign languages. Club members found something unique about the German culture. Jr. Patrick Lee said, "I like the way they communicate with people." "I like the way their language sounds," Jr. Shea McClure said.

German club hosted many different activities, such as a hayride, and the soccer tournament with the Spanish and French clubs. Jr. Eric Jackson stated what his favorite activities were, "I like to eat strudel," while Jr. Jason Marshall said, "I liked the hayride and the soccer games." It is not required that a student take German to join the German club. Some just joined for the interest they have in the language and the culture.





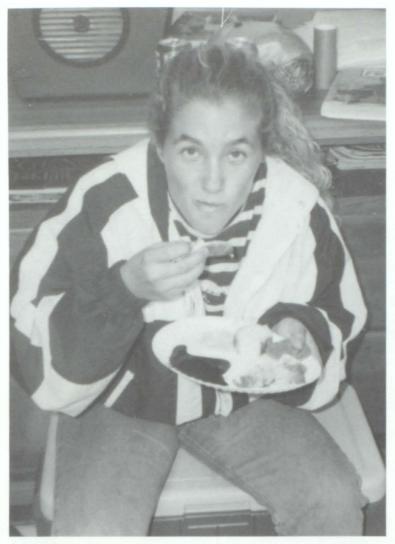
German Club members stand outside Bevo Mill.

'96-'97 German Club

These German Club members smile while eating a German-style meal.



A World Away



French club allowed the students to participate in extracurricular activities and learn about French at the same time. Students like the many different French Club activities. As Sr. Amanda Pratt explained, "I like secret pals because I like getting presents from people." Also Jr. Shea McClure stated, "I like going on the trips."

In French Club, students get to do things that they don't get to do in their regular classes. Students sang Christmas carols in French, had a fondue party, and enjoyed a soccer tournament with the Spanish and German clubs. Jr. Tinea Mayse said what she liked best was, "I like to watch Madame Lindman act crazy." Learning about a foreign culture adds a dash of difference to any American tradition.



Jr. Deidre Winchester looks up while eating her fondue.

Jr. Amanda Hasting and Sr. Rozanne Patrick indulge themselves at the fondue party.

'96 - '97 French Club

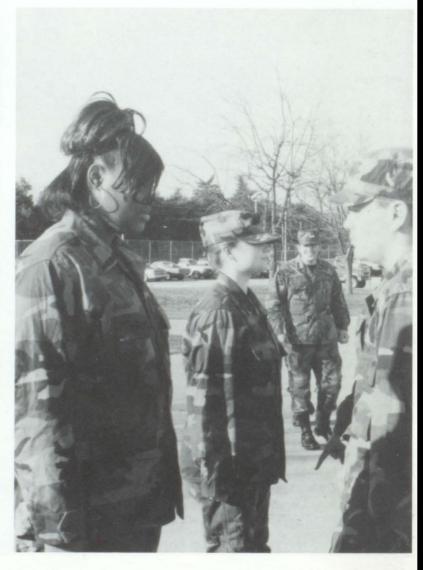


'96-'97 JROTC "Mule Battalion."



Sr. Dannielle McDowell, Sophs. Christy Tilley, Casey Garb and Darrell Dugger give Soph. Jeff Kanell a warm greeting.

Frosh. Josh Odle inspects his class while sr. Chris Wagganer watches at a distance.



Step up to the Challenge





JROTC was more than just sitting in a classroom for an hour a day. Every day, cadets practiced for drill team, color guard, and marksmanship team. Some cadets came in after school just to sit and talk, while others came in to do work for their staff positions.

In JROTC, cadets had the option of participating in extra-curricular activities such as Buff-Up the Bluff, Adopt-A-Highway, ushering at football games, orienteering at S-F Scout Ranch, and other community activities. A few carefree cadets participated in repelling at Fort Leonard Wood Summer Camp. Soph. Darrell Dugger explained, "I enjoy the rush of jumping off a 40- foot tower, and looking into the beady eyes of a drill sergeant who could put fear into the Grim Reaper himself."

JROTC offered many opportunities for new cadets as well. Frosh. Christina Stewart said she joined JROTC because, "It gives you a lot of discipline and shows how you can be a better American." Many new cadets joined in order to get a head start on military training. As Frosh. Andrew Shain explained, "I want to go to the Annapolis Naval Academy, and I think this course will help me achieve my goal."

New equipment was added to the JROTC classroom. There are now advanced computer systems, a refrigerator for food and drinks, and a microwave to heat up popcorn or other snacks. These additions add a dash of difference to the JROTC tradition.

Sr. Tom Abney checks frosh. Daniel Pomeroy's swiss seat to make sure it fits properly.

Frosh. Chris Allbritton repels down a hill as frosh. Iris Johnson grabs a firm hold on the rope.

The FACS of life

Home-ec has a different name this year, FACS. Family and Consumer Science is an organization that prepares a student for life in the real world.

In celebration of the Christmas spirit, FACS members participated in the annual Toys for Tots Jaycees Drive by collecting and repairing toys from high school students and giving them to less fortunate, but very appreciative children.

In the spring, they participated in the Sew with Cotton Contest in which contestants model clothes that they have made.







A group of FACS members enjoy their meal.

96-'97 FACS Club

Sr. Anesha Webb makes breakfast in class.

Let's talk business

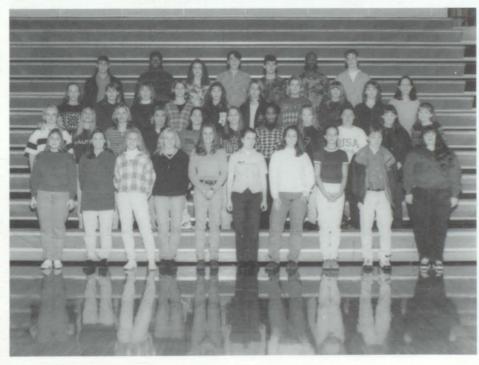
Students Active in Business, better known as SAIB, is an organization promoting business knowledge. The students involved in SAIB take a variety of business courses and want to know more about the business world.

Among the activities members

participated in were collecting food for a less fortunate family at Thanksgiving and having guest speakers at their early morning meetings. SAIB gives students a dash of difference to the traditional high school tenure by introducing students to the real work world..







Jr. Eli Estes and soph. Suzanne Wittmaier concentrate extremely hard not to make any mistakes.

Sr. Amanda Creek types away.

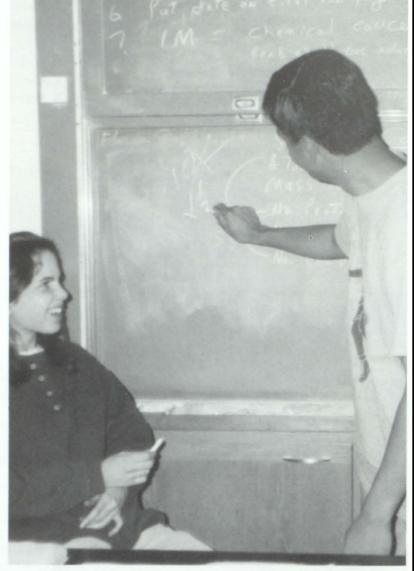
'96 - '97 SAIB Club

Searching for Solutions

In Chemistry Club, students learned the different roles chemistry plays in technology today. President Ketan Patel said,"We learn criteria that we can use in the future." Some students find chemistry to be interesting and fun. As Jr. Misty Hunkler said, "I learned that chemistry can be fun if you really want it to be." Jr. Chad Douglas found it interesting because, "People talk to us that use chemistry in their daily lives."

Chemistry Club allowed students to speak to, and ask questions of scientists who worked in many different fields. Dr. Keaton Keller came as a guest speaker to Chemistry Club. Dr. Keller helped build the country's first atomic bombs that were used on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in World War II. Madelyn Wilson, a teacher out at Three Rivers, came and talked about skin cells and showed the group a microscope.





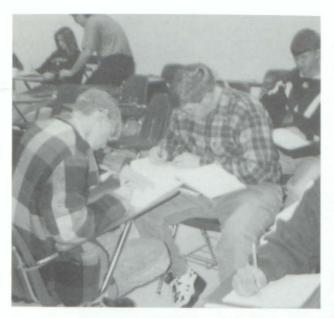
Jr. Ketan Patel shows Jr. Megan Thiele a math problem.

Dr. Keaton Keller describes the A-bomb explosion.

The '96-'97 Chem Club (front l.-r.) David Garvseth, Jennifer Williams, Heather Divine, Summer Young, Tara Milligan, Saumil Karavadia; (second row) Mr. Jerry Hosmer, Brooke Young, Hollie Fowler, Choni Hanner, Stacy Robinson, Tiffany Keen, Ms. Cheryl Mackey; (third row) Pat Lee, Megan Thiele, Julia Brown, Joel Murphy, Chris Jenkins, Jim Carrier; (fourth row:) Wesley Brooks, Mike Roach, Chad Douglas, Aaron Malone, Tommy Carpenter, Jeremy Crowley, fifth row: Ketan Patel



Adding It Up



Math Club is a group of high-level math students that helped out Mr. Ron Patterson by tutoring students who were struggling in math. Every Tuesday and Thursday Math Club members answered questions on just about every math level. Although the club helped people who were struggling in math, it also helped the tutors themselves. "Math Club helps me learn math better by teaching other people," Chad Douglas said. On the other hand, Treasurer Tara Milligan explained an alternative source she used to get help, "I like to use the Internet in Mr. (Bill) Reeves' room."

Students joined Math Club because it was devoted to helping others. Secretary Tommy Carpenter explained,"I joined because it gives me the personal benefit of knowledge that I have joined an organization that devotes its time to the education of others." Math Club helped those students who were struggling so that they could get caught up in their classes.

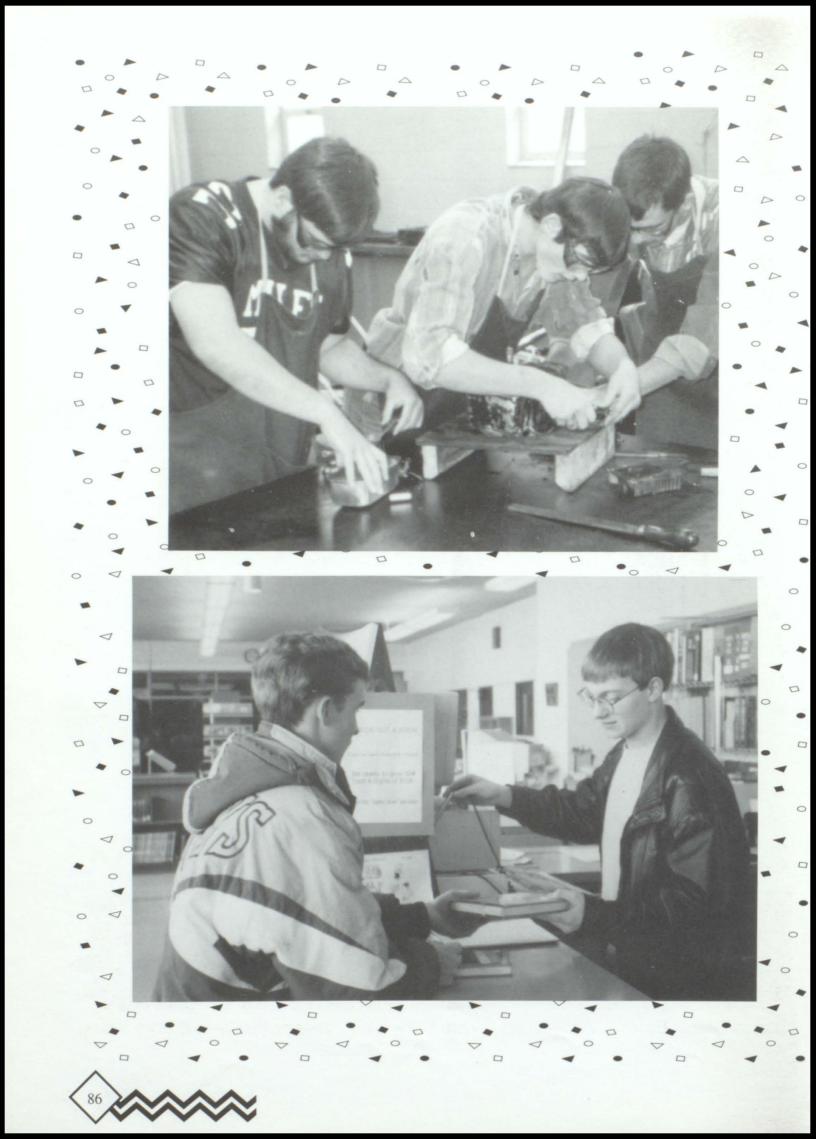
Sr. Christian Beck helps Soph.Travis Magill with his math.



The '96-'97 Math Club (L-R frontrow: Chad Douglas, Ketan Patel, second row: James Steven, Matt Rhodes, Tara Milligan, Jeremy Crowley, Greg Lyons, third row: Aaron Malone, Tommy Carpenter, Mike Doran, Josh McFadden



Jr. Ketan Patel helps Soph. Elania Davis with a chemistry problem.





··ACADEMICS:

Melanie Gregg, Editor Becky Long

Kera Robertson Jessica Worley Brooke Young

Getting Down to Business

Discipline is often the only word associated with the office. What students don't realize, however, is that the PBHS office handles things other than discipline.

"The office oversees the smooth running of our school," said history teacher Mr. Tim Slayton. Office staff includes principals Mr. Howard Garrett, Mr. Thomas Schafer, and Mr. Paul Edmonds. Secretaries are Mrs. Trish Dodd, Mrs. Debbie Hellums, Mrs. Thelma King, Mrs. Mary Silkwood, and Mrs. Pam Pretz. Mrs. Pretz, after working for many years, left at midterm and was replaced by Mrs. Debbie Short.

Assistant Principal Paul
Edmonds was
previously a math
teacher at
Fredericktown.

Mr. Garrett and Mr. Schafer discuss the many items on their agenda for the day. A principal's work is never done.

Poplar Bluff School Board members pose for a picture after their board meeting. The board meets once monthly.







Mr. Garrett takes time to talk with some students.

Mr. Edmonds explains school policy to soph. Kristen Hall.

Mr. Schafer thanks Jr. Kelly Breland for delivering his notes to the students.







Trish Dodd



Debbie Hellums



Thelma King



Pam Pretz



Mary Silkwood

Let's get chemical

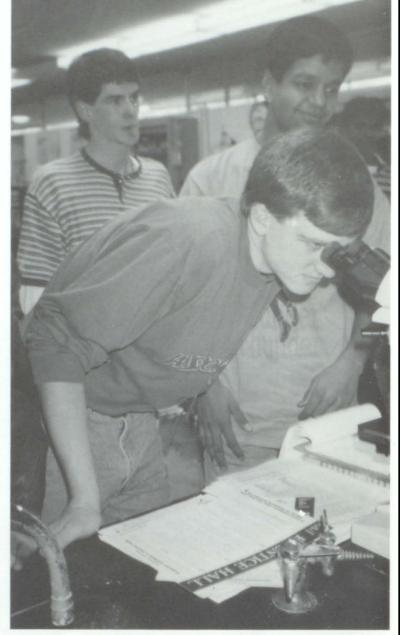
Science at PBHS allowed students to delve into new worlds. The courses of physical science, modern biology, chemistry I and II, advanced biology, TRCC biology, and physics were all part of our advanced science department. "My science classes have been, by far, the most challenging courses that I have taken. However, I feel that they have prepared me fully for college," said Jr. Julia Brown. Science activities included studying the anatomy of animals and humans, cytomplasic streaming, and electromagnetic radiation.

Labs, a major part of the science department, gave students the opportunity to have hands-on experience in science. "Labs are a favorite part of my biology class. Instead of just reading about things you can actually see them happen," said Sr. Brandy Booker.

Sr. Mike Roach observes cells that can not be seen by the naked eye.

Sr. Roxanne Patrick studies intently in the new dual credit class; students received both high school and college credit.







Sherri Davis



Jesse Gray Jerry Hosmer



Cheryl Macke



Mark Meyers



Nancy Peterson



Charles Rickman





Sr. Dee Taylor works hard to finish her sewing project.

Skills for Life

Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) became the new name for Home Economics one year ago. Home Ec was cooking and sewing only. FACS consisted of Family Relations, Child Development, Family Health, Housing, Survival, Home Ec I, and Senior Home Ec.

"FACS teaches students life skills and survival in the real world. They learn survival techniques for any area of life," said Mrs. McManus, FACS teacher.

Jr. Sheila Choate said "I feel the FACS class helped prepare me for my future." "(FACS) is learning how to cook, sew, and learn more about yourself," said Jr. Lorie Crabtree.





Sr. Summer Stacy learns necessary cooking skills in Mrs. McManus' class.

Frosh. Kailee Hutchings asks for assistance while sewing her shorts.

Did you know?

FACS teacher JoAnn Stout was the 1954 Bluff Queen.



Cathy McManus



Jo Ann Stout

Linking the past to the future

The Social Studies department at PBHS offered many exciting courses for students. Classes included contemporary issues, civics, geography, world history, American history and, new this year, a zero hour history class which allowed students the chance to get out of school an hour early. The classes gave students the opportunity to learn about events from thousands of years ago in World History, or to learn about current events in contemporary issues. "History allows students to learn from the past and understand the future. Also, students learn how to be responsible citizens," said Miss Gail Robertson.

The versatility of the courses leave students Jr. Travis Gowen gets ins 1 Voted" sticker from Sr. Liz tuned into the past and ready DeGaris during the mock for the future.



election.



Senior Stephanie Sharp spent her summer days painting murals to brighten A building.

Students are only pretending to sleep during their zero hour history class.





Did you know? History teacher Tim Slayton was the president of his senior class in Doniphan.

Social Studies students had the opportunity to go see a Clinton/ Gore re-election rally in Cape Girardeau.

Mr. Tim Slayton and Mr. Mark Henson briskly pass each other on their way to class.









Tim Slayton



Gail Robertson



Michael Ruch



Kirk Chronister



Garfield Harris



Mark Henson



Jennie Holland



Bill Ladd

Learning Trades For The Future

The Vocational School offered many classes that gave students hand-on experiences. Classes included Machine Tool Tech I and II, Basic skills, A/C and Refrigeration I and II, Auto Tech I and II, Job Placement Specialist, Electronics Technology I and II, Welding and Fabrication I and II, Auto Collision Repair I and II, Building Trade I and II, Health Occupations, Vocational Resource Educator, C/P, Culinary Arts I and II, Graphic Communications I and II, and ASAP, which helped students having trouble in academic classes.

The Building Trade class built a house, which will be sold. Jr. Brandon Hopper said his favorite job was putting on shingles because he enjoys high places, while Sr. Jerry Crafford preferred putting up walls.



This sign identifies the Building Trades current project- a new home.

Jr. Mandy Hayes and Sr. Kelly Spencer carve a pumpkin.

Students in Health Occupations class prepare their homework.







Building Trades student Sr. Aaron Aquino hammers away at a concrete block.

Sr. Steven Cash and his classmate work in their Auto Tech class.









Tom Yeakley



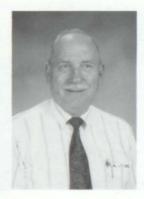
Larry Batchelor



Janice Divine



Walter Eudaley



Dean Morrison



Ron Pratt

Hands on Traditions of Art

Fine arts include many areas of interest, ranging from music to working with tools. The music department includes Band, Concert Choir, Choraliers, Music Appreciation, and Jazz Studies. Mrs. Evelyn Jones said music appreciation class gave students "listening exposure from prehistoric to Indian music," as well as "an understanding of the five elements of music: melody, rythmn, harmony, form, and tone color."

Another area of fine arts was Art I-IV, where students learned basic techniques such as color and design, drawing, painting, and art appreciation. Soph. Chris Grobe describes art as "a way to express myself." A donation of \$3,300 supplied a new computer and blinds in Mrs. Katie Cody's room, and it also gave Art II students an opportunity to work with paper maiche sculptures.

Drafting is the first step into Industrial Technology programs such as Applied Electricity, General Shop, Small Gas Engines I & II, and General Metalwork. Drafting involved drawing the size, shape, and relation of physical objects by the use of drawings, as well as blueprint reading. Mr. Dennis Smothers said Drafting I & II was for all students, because "a lot of students go into architecture, engineering, woodwork, etc., but others use the materials they learn later in life." Shop taught the fundamentals of electricity, metalworking, furniture, welding, and the safe and skillful use of hand and machine tools. Jr. Curtis Stucker said that "Shop introduced me to things I never knew I'd enjoy." As Mr. Jerry Pierce said, "nothing beats hands-on learning."

Sr. Chris Anderson, soph. Allen Magill, and Sr. Joe Patterson assemble a small gas engine.

Frosh. Lybby Dennis concentrates as she performs on her French horn.

Jr. Autumn Young works carefully on her drafting project.









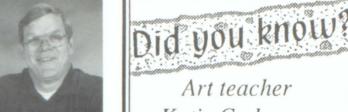
Jerry Hendrickson



Terry Pierce



Dennis Smothers



Art teacher Katie Cody was 1968 Basketball Homecoming Queen at Malvern High School.



Jim Hawkins and Scott Tomlison



Evelyn Jones



Delisa Sitze



Katie Cody



Louis Smith



Soph. James Grimes smiles as he works on his paper mache boxing bunny.

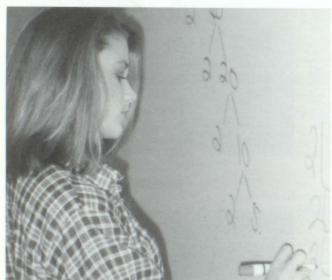
Math counts

Mrs. Haynes helps Sr. Gary Deaner.

"When am I ever gonna use this again?" was heard in math classrooms throughout the year. The truth was, many careers require some degree of capability in math, and students who went on to college were required to take some math. Sophomore Emily Wyatt said that math would help her in the future "because you have to be skilled in both math and science to do well in most medical fields."

Math classes range from algebra and calculus to robotics, trigonometry, and geometry. Coach Darrin Scott said his favorite type of math was trigonometry, "because you can see the most applications for it."

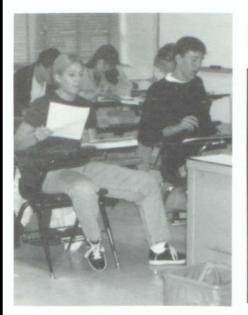




Jr. Bonnie Hunter concentrates as she works on the board.

Frosh. Erica Emmons and Janie Byrd work on math together.





Sophs. Mike Harget and Amy Hendricks work on homework.

Did you know?

Math teacher

Darrin Scott was on both

Prom and Homecoming

Courts in his high school.



Wade Taylor







Darrin Scott



Judy Russell



David Cunningham



Lettie Haynes



Ron Patterson



Bill Pyland



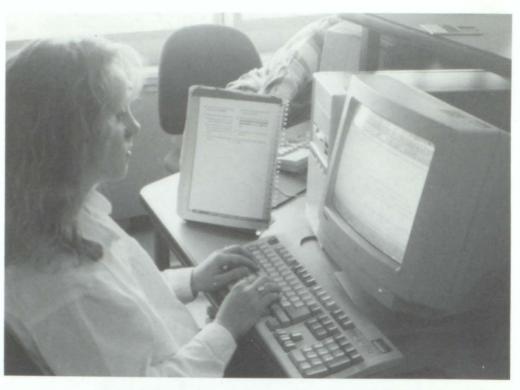
Bill Reeves

PBHS Goes Business

A variety of business classes were offered, including Keyboarding I, Business Technology, Business Law, Microsoft Office Professional (also referred to as Computer Applications), Word Processing, Speedwriting, Introduction to Business, and Basic Programming.

These classes helped prepare students for college. Sr. Roxanne Patrick said, "It is really hard to keep up with the work, but it will be worth it in the long run."

Jr. Sheila Choate watches her computer screen to ensure her corrections.





Srs. Steven Hewlett and Bobby Tiffany participate in a telephone activity in Business Technology.

Sr. Lance Moore gathers the carts as he works on the MCE program.





Did you know?

Business teacher Lynda Rhodes was the 1962 Bluff Queen.

Jr. Rachel Kennicott eagerly types up her lesson on her computer.



Evelyn Casinger



Darlene Davis



Jamie Edington



Wanda Ormsby



Lynda Rhodes



Anne Roberts

Striving to be the fittest

Throughout the year there were many strenuous activities that went on during physical education classes at PBHS. Coach JimBrown taught his Body Building classes the basics of building muscles and generally toning your body. Coaches Carol Pridy and Lisa Godwin taught the girls P.E. classes the rules of all kinds of sports from softball to golf to aerobics.

There were many specialized P.E. classes that coincided with specific sports such as football and track. JROTC was another the classes that emphasized discipline and fitness.



Soph. Kristen Armor demonstrates the correct position for weight lifting.

Jr. Marco Buchanan follows through withhis shot.

Third-hour JROTC cadets learn the techniques for performing honor guard.







Did you know?

Coach Jim Brown did back extension rolls on the gymnastics team at Univ. of Ark.

Jr. Art Jones practices his agility drill in body building class.



JROTC cadets honor our veterans with their salutes.



Neil Terhune



Johnny Richardson



John David Patillo



Jim Brown



Pat Carda



Barry Cody



Lisa Godwin



Tony Roth

Going the extra mile



Heather Berger



Sandy Black

As part of her community service, Sr. April Rone paints the face of a child at Art on the Run.



Kristen Bringe



Janet Cochran



Christine Collins



Counselor Ann Kneibert talks to her freshman students at the Job Fair assembly.



Betty Hughes



Kathryn Jarboe



Ann Kneibert



Dawn Mannon



Donna McDowell

Academics/Melanie Gregg



Jr. Jeremy Champion fills out an information card at the annual College Day.



Edward McKinney

Retta Minner





Cal Nations

Mary Richardson





Frosh. Eric Tillman uses the computer to type up a report for his class.

Ermalene Robertson

Ellen Slinkard



Jill Styles



Cynthia Tanner



Jim Thomas



Vickie Woolverton



Sally Yarbro

Communicating is a key necessity

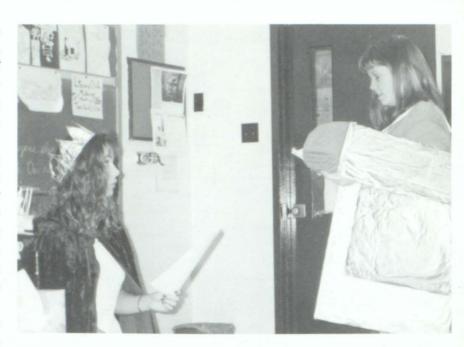
"In any job, the power to communicate is essential," Mrs. Janna Murray said about the importance of English. Freshman Sahar Chaudary said, "English is a world-wide language; you have to know it to be able to communicate."

PBHS offers many English courses, ranging from basic freshman English to advanced senior composition. Different classes are offered so students can meet their own personal needs. Jr. Ivan Williams said, "My favorite thing to do in English is to read the books, that's the most fun."

Although not all students enjoyed English, most realized it was important in today's society. In order to function and succeed, a person must have acceptable speaking and writing skills. Students learned even more practical skills in Speech and Drama and Journalism. Knowing a foreign language was important, so classes in German, Spanish, and French were popular.

Junior's Aimee Rushin and Emily Davis act out <u>The Canterbury Tales</u> in Mrs. Murray's junior Honors English Class.

Senior Josh McFadden types up a paper in the computer lab for the dual credit English course.







Jeannette Albright



Rose Marie Batson



Cheryl Cato

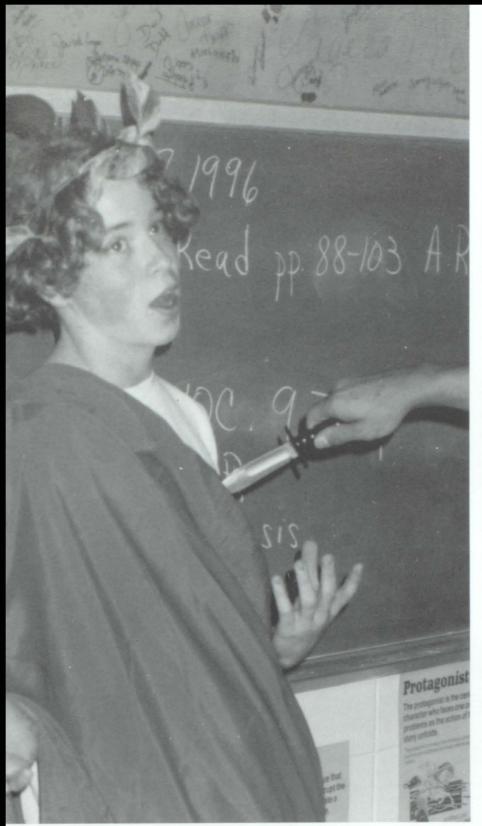


Gayla Fritts



Elissa Hogg





Did you know?

English teacher Janna Murray was valedictorian of her 1982 PBHS senior class.



Rocky Granfield makes his acting debut as Ceasar in Mrs. Cato's sophomore English class.

Junior Miranda Mabrey looks over her final draft before turning it in.



Gary Lewis



Terri Loomis



Janna Murray



Jane Worley

More than the Basics





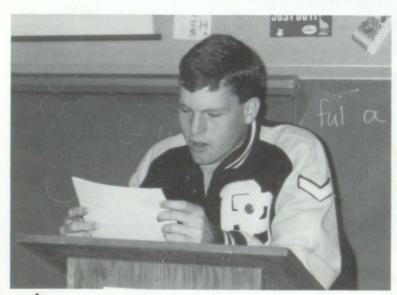
Sr. Tory McClusky selects a library book from the shelf.

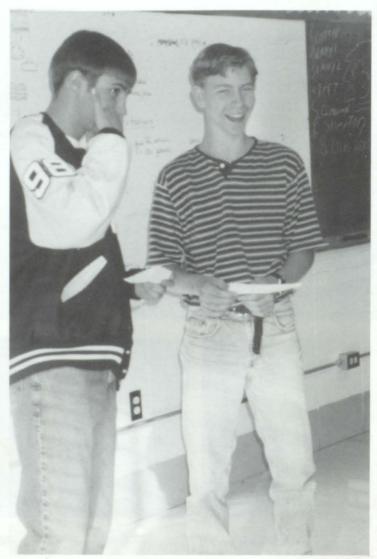
Jr. Mike Tinsley speaks to his speech class about effects of drugs on a human body.

Jr. Eric Hanes and Soph. Christopher Grobe practice French in front of their class.

Sr. Shawn Lee gives his presentation to his Spanish III class.



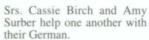






Did you know?

French teacher
Patricia Lindman
was once Camper of
the Year at Sunset
Point in Eagle River,
Wisconson.



Sr. Stephanie Franklin and Soph. Amy Hendricks perform a play in their drama class.







JoNell Seifert

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Libby Brown



Sue Cooper



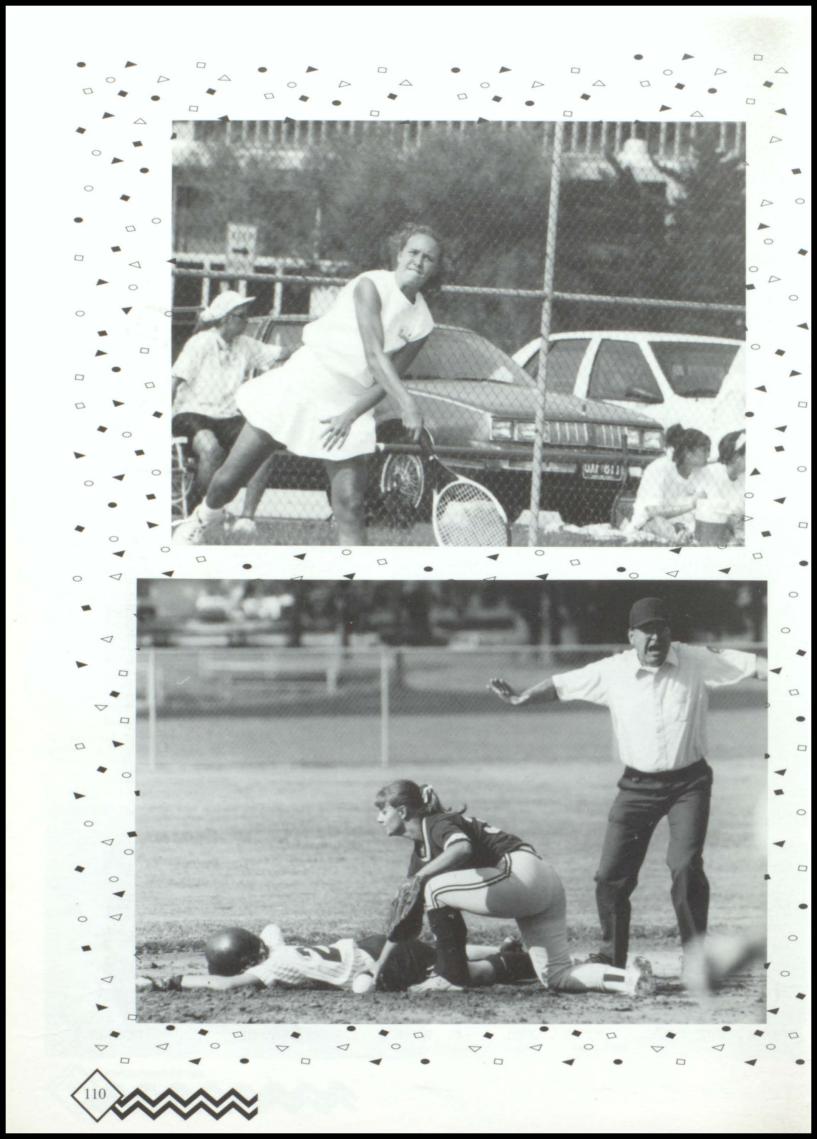
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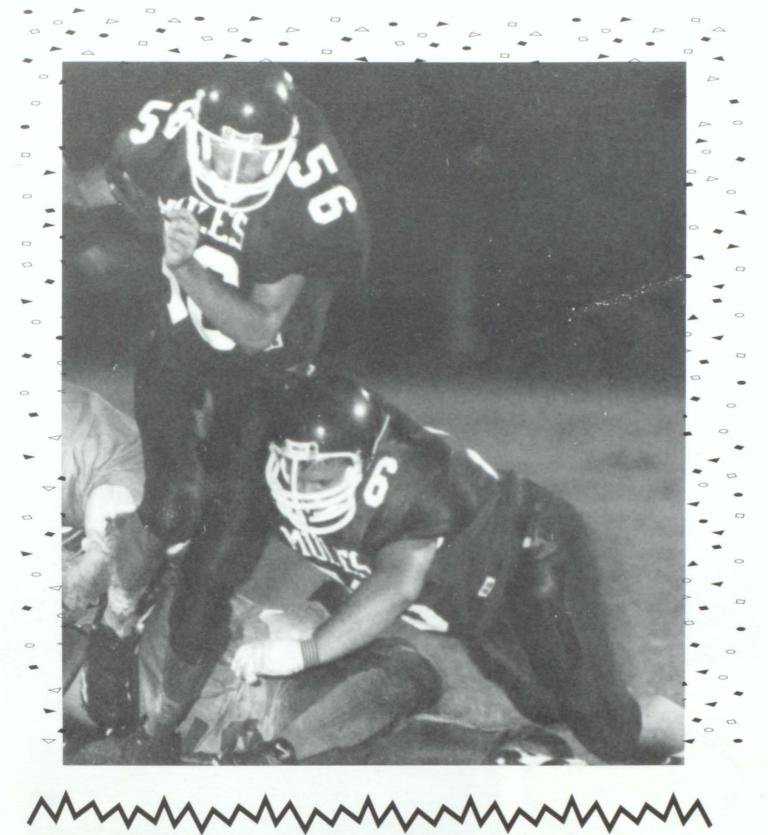


Nancy Locker



Sandy Meyr





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Naomi Sharp, Editor

Katie Brown

Tonya Hill

Daniel Seawel

Tiffany Thomas



Quarterback Jr. Ryan Schlimpert gains yards, but breaks his hand.



Date	Opponent
9/6	Dexter
9/13	Blytheville
9/20	Paducah-Til.
9/27	Beaumont
10/4	Jefferson City
10/11	Memphis-Fairley
10/18	Belleville-Althoff
10/24	Cape Central
11/1	Jackson
11/8	Sikeston



Tailback Jr. Jeric Blackman breaks for a touchdown.

Linebacker Sr. David Kingery clobbers a player as Jr. Mike Fiehtner looks on.

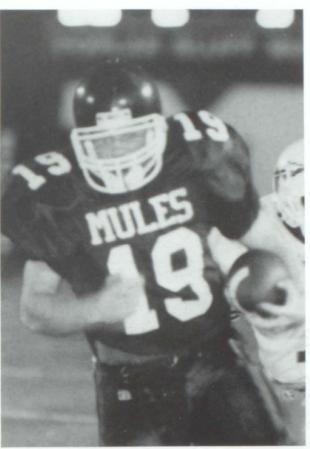






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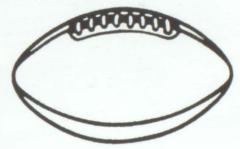
touchdown



Top 10 Reasons To Play Football

- 10) The thumps we get from Jeric Blackman
- 9) Sooner or later, it's bound to be your turn to help carry "Bob" off the field
- 8) We learn a new vocabulary
- 7) Coach Roth lets us play with his "chia" (the doo)
- 6) We like the glare on Coach Brown's head
- 5) To worship Garbo pipes
- 4) We can watch the caveman in action
- 3) There is no smell like the smell of the football locker room
- 2) We like banging things with our heads
- 1) Girls like jocks





Jr. Quarterback Andy Cisne charges through the Blytheville Chicks, going for a touchdown.

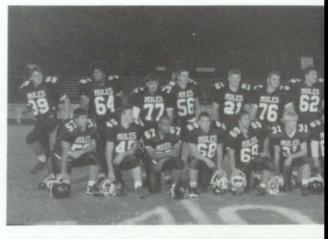
The 1996 Football Mules













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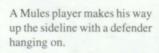


Frosh. MVP Lucas Moore runs for daylight.

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Date	Opponent
9/12	Dexter
9/19	Jackson
9/26	Tilghman
10/3	Cape Central
10/10	Sikeston
10/26	Blytheville
10/31	Sikeston





A herd of Mules huddle to discuss the next play.





Ready to

rumble?

The Poplar Bluff Freshman Football Mules had a tough season. A 3-4 record at the end of the season didn't adequately reflect how hard they worked throughout the season. A 34-point shutout over division rival Dexter Bearcats opened the season. A 24-12 loss the following week to Jackson brought the team back to earth.

The Mules would squeeze out a tough 2-0 victory over Paducah-Tilghman and have an easy win over Cape Central bringing the freshmen to 3-1 for the season. The Mules would not win again. Two big losses to Sikeston, 33-0 and 20-8, and a rough 8-6 loss against the Blytheville Bulldogs left the Mules with a losing record but with heads held high. Post-season awards went to Quarterback Ryan Dicken (Offensive Player of the Year), Linebacker Wes Conder (Defensive Player of the Year), and Lucas Moore (MVP).





(front, l.-r.) Rajeran George, PJ Brown, Ryan Dicken, Aaron Wheeler, Lucas Moore, Jon Hudson; (second) Jason Hays, Wes Conder, Chad Gutterman, Mike Ridenour, Robert Ferguson, Lonnie Lewis, Cecil Stafford, Daniel Pruett; (third) Aaron Collins, Mike Camp, Mark Cato, T. Jay Lathum, Jeff Brent, Matt Bollinger, Mike Kendle, Josh Clark; (fourth) Jason Montgomery, Dan Noll, Dusty Coclasure, Ryan Whalen, Asst. Coach Mark Meyers, Head Coach Bob Case, Steve Buenaga, Travis Vincent, James Potter.



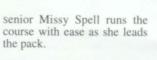


The PBHS Girls Varsity team bursts off the starting line.

Sophomore Carmen Granfield paces herself in order to save her energy for the finish line.







The cross country team stops and poses for a team picture before heading home.





Striving For

excellence

Girls' cross-country was definitely putting mind over matter. "You have to know you want to run and think about running or you will never be any good," explained Junior Heather Divine. Coach Barry Cody helped to relieve a little pressure off the girls during practices. Many runners agreed the best parts of cross country were the "sweet rewards" at the end of practices. Sophomores Carmen Granfield and Emily Wyatt both stated that their favorite rewards were the trips to Sonic for limeades and the refreshing dips in the public pool.

During practices and meets the number-one runner, Sr. Missy Spell led the pack. Missy was the only girl on the team to make it all the way to sectionals.

Despite losing the top three runners to graduation the cross country team did an excellent job pacing the rest of the district runners.



The Poplar Bluff girls' cross country team includes (front, l.-r.) Heather Divine, Carmen Granfield, Roxanne Patrick, Melissa Spell; (back) Ashley Hoja, Katie Brown, Emily Wyatt, Sarah Lawson and Renea English.



Running to the

goal

Cross Country running is not a sport for everyone. The boys who tried it, proved their determination and intestinal fortitude by running the extra mile and never giving up. The source of motivation for the cross country boys team came from Coach Barry Cody. As freshman Terry Britain said, "Coach is really cool, he likes to make running fun, not boring."

When it came time to compete, these athletes had to pull together quickly because of the large number of first-year runners on both the boys and girls team. Twelve of the thirty-two athletes ran for the first time this year on the cross country team. "The inexperienced boys did very well," Coach Cody said.

Many athletes on the team ran at districts in Jackson. From districts, senior Josh Sparkman and junior Jason Poston made it to sectionals where they ended their successful competition.



The Poplar Bluff Mules boys' cross country team includes (front, 1.-r.); Joey Bone, Jason Poston, Eric Summers, Corey Hamilton, Eric Hanes, Terry Britton, Jared Kennedy; (middle) Mike Killpack, Jeremy Webb, Raymond Webb, Alfred Rivers, Duane Dunlap, Charlie Robinson, Zac Moore, Matt Blackburn, Dustin Berry, Jim West; (back) Willie Gresham, Nathan Inman and Josh Sparkman.











Freshman David Post focuses on the path in front of him.

Senior Josh Sparkman vigorously runs toward his goal.





Date	Opponent
9/7	Jackson
9/12	Webster Groves
9/17	Kelly-Benton
9/21	Cape
9/28	ASU
10/5	Vibumum
10/17	SEMO Conference
10/26	Jackson District
11/2	Sectionals

Junior Charlie Robison looks ahead to the long race before him.

Junior Eric Hanes collapses in exhaustion after running his race.









Varsity Cheerleaders (front, l.-r.) Melissa Boos, Rachael Cooper, Stephanie Sharp, Naomi Sharp, Kara Pinkston, Michelle McCormick; (back) Leslie Austin, Susan Minner, Shanna Hayes, Crystal Spencer, Kara Robertson.

The Varsity Cheerleaders perform a cheer between quarters.

Kara Pinkston shows us her All-American skills.







Varsity keeps 'em

rockin'

What does it take to be a Varsity Cheerleader? First of all, a cheerleader must be dedicated and be willing to work hard. Two cheerleaders that fit this qualification were Kera Robertson and Kara Pinkston. These girls were named All-American Cheerleaders by the NCA instructors last summer at camp. "We had to try out for All-American by doing a cheer, three jumps, and a tumbling pass. I was really nervous, but really excited that I made it," said Kara Pinkston.

Cheerleading can also help you in the future by teaching leadership and cooperation skills. Football cheerleading captain Naomi Sharp said, "Most of us have cheered together before and that made it a lot easier to work together this year."

Hard work and determination were qualities of a varsity cheerleader.



Soph. Shanna Hayes and Sr. Stephanie Sharp stretch before a game.

Srs. Susan Minner, Naomi Sharp, and Stephanie Sharp congratulate their choreographer Misty Burge after the Homecoming Dance.



Cheering is the

spirit!

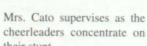
The freshman cheerleaders were a fresh new spirit cheering the class of 2000. These girls have joined together to lead our freshman class with spirit at assemblies, games, and other sports activities.

Many of these girls were cheerleaders in Junior High and brought valuable experience to the squad. However, cheering in high school was a little different. Emma Franklin said, "High school is more exciting, you have to work harder, and you get to do more fun stuff. It's all worth it."

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During the summer, the cheerleaders attended a NCA camp here in Poplar Bluff along with the varsity squad. The girls went to daily clinics where they learned new dances and cheers.













Rachael Seaton, Emma Franklin, and Brandy Michaels tell the other team to "Watch Out!"

Freshman Cheerleaders-(front, l.-r.) Sarah Rohde, Jennifer Reed, Brandy Michaels; (back) Crystal Browning, Emma Franklin, Rachael Seaton.







Sarah Rohde and Jennifer Reed cheer for the Mules.

Cheerleaders practice for their basketball homecoming dance.

Not just another

hit-and-run!

Top ten reasons to play softball

- 10. Sliding practice
- 9. Bus trips
- 8. The once-in-a-lifetime homeruns
- 7. "Bourmping"
- 6. Getting kicked out of McDonalds
- 5. Making new friends
- 4. The fights with Jackson
- 3. Singing the National Anthem
- 2. The lectures from Coach Rickman
- 1. The hope of getting new uniforms

BASEBALL



Sr. Dee Taylor keeps her eye on the ball, as she tries for a home run.

The 1996-97 Softball Team













Date	Opponent
9/3	Perryville
9/5	Jackson
9/11	Cape
9/12	Ellsinore
9/16	East Prairie
9/17	Jackson
9/21	Jackson Tourn.
9/23	West Plains
9/24	Kelly-Benton
9/25	Perryville
9/26	Ellsinore
9/30	East Prairie
10/1	Kelly-Benton
10/3	West Plains
10/4	Cape

Soph. Katie Wells struggles to stop her opponent.

Soph. Amy Hendricks slides into second, getting dirty in the process.

Bump, set,

spike!

The Poplar Bluff Volleyball team underwent a major change this year as Coach Carol Pridy took over as head coach. The team took the change in stride, even though many found that the season wasn't going to be easy. "The practices were a lot harder this season than they've ever been in the past," said Jr. Trisha Davis.

Coach Pridy not only focused on winning this year, but on team unity as well. The team participated in several team-building activities, including a lock-in at the annex, and going to football games together, as a team. "I feel that our team was a lot closer this year because of all the places we went together," said Jr. Christy Thomas.

The Mules ended their season with a 16-7-3 record.



(Front, 1.-r.) Shelly Walz, Kacia Armes, Amber Whitson, Kristin Hall, Bridget Cox, Jamie Crawford; (middle) Heather Hoja, Amanda Hillis, Katy Crayton, Miranda Cravens, Trish Davis, Hollie Fowler, Christy Thomas, Elaine Wujik; (back) Ashley Cochran, Kathy Felts, Gennie Gieselmann, Shelley Gutterman, Leanna Sliger, Christy Rush, Shonna Swiney.









Coach Pridy gives an inspirational talk after a game.

Sr. Shelley Gutterman goes up for a hit.

Coach Pridy instructs Jrs. Hollie Fowler and Christy Thomas on second half strategy.



Date	Opponent
9/3	Greenville
9/5	Bloomfield
9/6-7	Bernie
9/10-11	Conf. Tourn.
9/14	Clearwater
9/19	Sikeston
9/20-21	Semo Tourn.
9/24	Doniphan
9/27	Oran
10/1	Twin Rivers
10/3	Clearwater
10/7	Twin Rivers
10/8	Doniphan
10/14	Greenville
10/15	Puxico
10/17	Dexter
10/21	Cape
10/22	Richland
10/28-31	District





Getting into the

swing

The Varsity girls tennis team ended their season with a record of 5-7, and the Jr. Varsity with a 6-5-1 record. But, as soph. Katie Farris said, "I think we improved a lot from last year."

Returning lettermen this year were Srs. Shannon Hon and Amber Wheeler, and Jrs. Julia Brown and Becky Long. New lettermen this year were Jrs. Sarah Barton, Ashley Dillie, and Stacey Robison. Sophomores were Andrea Lovelace, and Katie Farris. Soph. Andrea Lovelace felt honored to play on the Varsity team as a sophomore because, "Coach McManus doesn't give many people that chance." Jr. Julia Brown commented, "Tennis is a very fun sport. It is also very exciting because it depends on your individual talent."

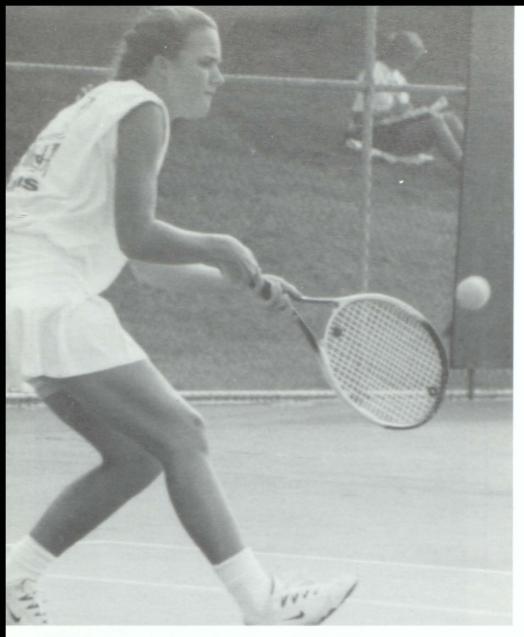
The special awards this year were: MVP- Sr. Amber Wheeler; The Hustle Award- Jr. Julia Brown; Most Improved- Soph. Andrea Lovelace; Most Congenial-Soph. Katie Farris; and The Jennifer Barton Award went to Jrs. Becky Long and Stacey Robison.



Jr. Becky Long follows through after acing the game against her opponent.

Jr. Stacey Robinson hustles for the ball in hopes of scoring the next point.







110	Capo
9/4	Kennett
9/5	Dexter
9/10	Chaffie
9/12	Potosi
9/16	Sikeston
9/19	Kennett
9/24	Jackson
9/26	Potosi
9/30	Caruthersville
10/2	Charleston
10/7	Jackson

Jr. Julia Brown's backhand sends the ball directly down the line.





Front(1.-r.) Emily Clark, Amy Love, Kristin Woolverton, Ashley Dille; (middle) Andrea Lovelace, Katie Farris, Shannon Hon, Stacey Robison, Becky Long, Julia Brown, Amber Wheeler; (Back) Patty Terhune, Assistant coach-Patty Davis, Coach-Cathy McManus, Sarah Barton, Sahar Choudhary, Lisa Patterson.



Malden

Cape

Dexter

Districts

The Junior Varsity Boys Tennis Team; (front l.-r.) Mike Doran, Mike Fiethner; (middle) Bill Batson, Rusty Cross, Daniel Whitworth; (back) Mike Roach, Willie Gresham, Marc Roth, Ketan Patel

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5/5

5/8 5/12-17

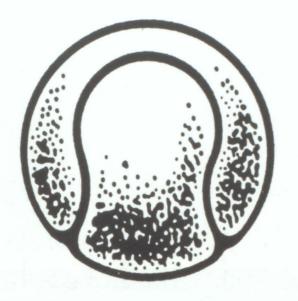




The Varsity Boys Tennis Team; (front l.-r.) Brent Hart, Jeremy Booker; (middle) Mike Doran, Bill Batson, Rusty Cross, Daniel Whitworth, Mike Fiethner; (back) Mike Roach, Willie Gresham, Marc Roth, Ketan Petal

Makin' a lot of

racket



Top ten reasons to play tennis

- 10. Just to have fun.
- 9. The racket is a good weapon to use on your siblings.
- 8. Getting out of school early for games.
- 7. Actually have a chance of winning something.
- 6. The responsibility of winning all on your own.
- 5. The thrill of a ball coming straight for your head.
- 4. Looking at girls in those cute, little skirts.
- 3. The fun of chasing your ball when it goes outside the fence.
- 2. Good way to take out anger on the ball.
- 1. Good target practice.





Sr. Marc Roth shows an excellent forearm stroke.

Sr. Mike Roach prepares to hit ball with great force.

The World at your

feet

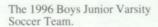
Playing soccer in Poplar Bluff, Missouri may not bring the world to their knees, but the potential shown by the 1996 squad could cause some to sit up and pay attention. With a world of potential at their heels, the JV squad could equal or exceed the accomplishments of the varsity team.

The JV season began with only eight sophomores returning from last season's team, and no goalie. A 12-man freshman class produced two goalies, Chris Richardson and James Gieselmann. Richardson would be the only freshman that received a Varsity letter this year. A 7-12-1 record gave the JV Mules second place in the district behind Cape Central.

The Varsity Mules, who had never won a post-season game before, would take #2 Jackson in a 2-0 shutout this year. This sent the Mules to the district final against #1 Cape Central. The game would be sent to sudden-death overtime where Cape would score again but not before the Mules put themselves on the soccer map. The varsity team would own their first 2nd place district plaque, thus making the 1996 soccer season a year to remember.



TONU
Opponent
Notre Dame
Jackson
West Plains
Notre Dame
Sikeston
Cape
Parkview
Jonesboro
Cape
Jackson
Jonesboro
West Plains
Cape Tourn.





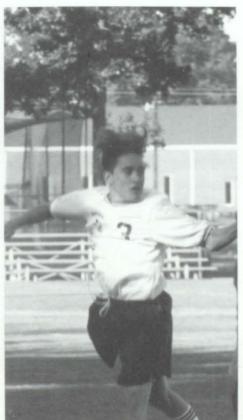




Sr. Billy Mosley stumbles in an attempt to retrieve the ball.

Sr. Travis Gowen races to get control of ball.

Frosh. James Gieselmann does everything in his power to get the ball.





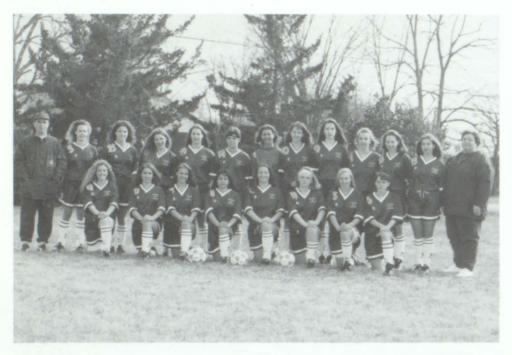
Varsity Soccer (l.-r.) Coach Fefferman, Daniel Seawel, Justin Tune, Josh Sparkman, Josh Trout, Nathan Inman, Willie Gresham, Bryan Wilson, Coach Carda; (row two) Shawn Lee, Justin Duckett, Travis Gowen, Charlie Robinson, Thomas Herrin, Jesse McKinley; (row three) Anthony Maurer, Joey Wilchek, Billy Mosley, Scottie Lindsay, Drew Benson.

Look Mom, no

hands

With its inaugural season under its belt, the Poplar Bluff Soccer Team had aspirations to exceed the extraodinary feats of the 1996 season. The Lady Mules improved in every area.

Having a 1996 season that would be considered more than acceptable by any other team for a season is considered mediocre by the Lady Mules. No doubt that improvements were made in every aspect including the most important one, the record. The Mules found themselves on the winning side of more games as a large junior class begin to take control and lead the team.



The 1996 JV Girls Soccer Team; (front l.-r.) Becca Warner, Christy Sparkman, Brandi Booker, Amy Casey, Andria Faughn; (middle) Coach Michail Fefferman, Sarah Dausmann, Sarah Reed, Julia Ahlers, Heather Rowe, Brooke Young, Laura Cato, Sarah Jarboe, Assistant Coach Janice Divine.

Jr. Sarah Dausmann awaits a pass from Jr. Heather Divine.







Jr. Holly Fowler fights through two defenders.



3/25-27 4/8 4/10 4/11 4/24 4/26 5/1 5/2 5/6 5/13 5/24-27	Kickoff Classic Notre Dame Cape West Plains Jackson Parkview Jackson Cape Notre Dame West Plains Districts





The 1996 Varsity Girls Team; (front l.-r.) Deidre Winchester, Valerie Mann, Zuleika Afshan, Monique Leyba, Angie Gagnon, Brandy Gordon, Heather Divine, Amanda Barger; (back) Coach Michael Feferman, Sarah Dausmann, Holly Teague, Hollie Fowler, Kara Pinkston, Julie Gordon, Clarissa Maurer, Sarah Bruns, Liz Degaris, Carrie Seawel, Laura Cato, Ala Konovia, Assistant Coach Janice Divine.

Hitting the

boards

Top ten reasons to play basketball

- 10. We get a chance to beat Coach Scott in pickle ball.
- 9. Football doesn't have a showdown.
- 8. To improve our self-esteem.
- 7. So we can get beat by Vashon 83-47.
- 6. We get to show off our big feet and pretty legs.
- 5. We get to ride the school bus all over the country.
- 4. Wednesday's chili.
- 3. We get to wear baggy shorts.
- 2. So we don't have to wrestle.
- 1. To be around Coach Scott.

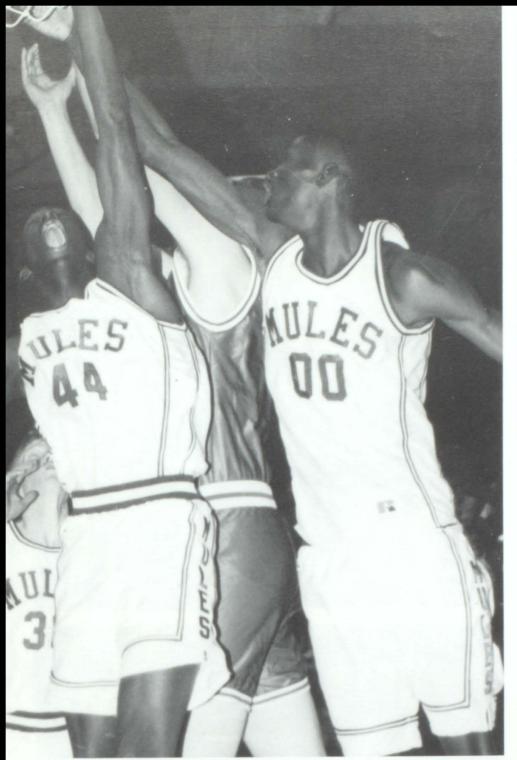




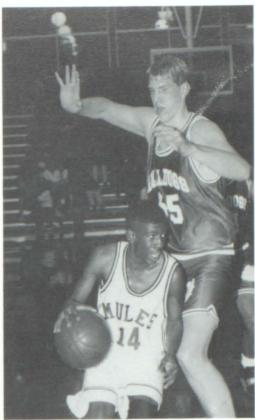
Sr. Justin Tune attempts to fakeout two Doniphan players.

Varsity Boys Basketball Team (1.-r.) Kiley Spence, Josh Sparkman, Tom Huber, Martin Johnson, Brian Clark, Donald Roberts, Justin Tune; (back) Coach Scott, De-Mar George, Rodney Ross, Shane McCain, Patrick Lee, Zack Moore, Alfred Rivers, Raymond Webb, Mike Kilgore, Coach Patillo.









BASKETBALL



Frosh. Mike Kilgore blows by the 7' Bulldog.

Sr. Martin Johnson and Jr. Donald Roberts battle for the rebound.

Sr. Josh Sparkman takes his time for a perfect shot.

Crashing the

glass

Poplar Bluff Freshmen and Junior Varsity basketball teams, although not winning many games, put up a good fight this year. The boys worked hard and had fun even though their competition was very strong. The season was tough, but it was good practice for varsity basketball.

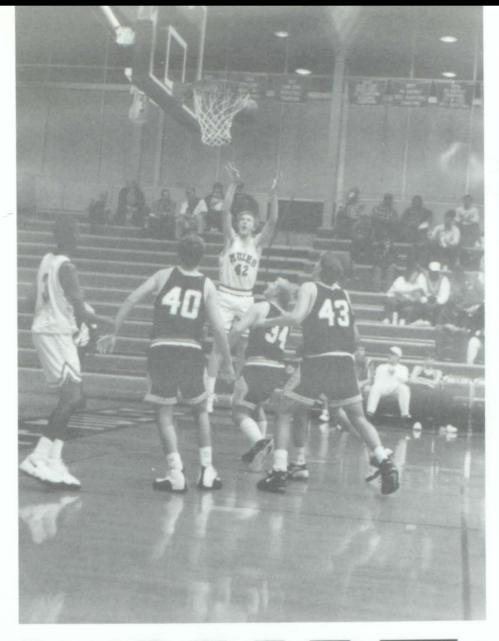
Coach McKinney gives his players some advice during a time out.



Date	Opponent
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11/25-27	Notre Dame Tourn.
12/3	Blytheville
12/6	Malden
12/9-13	Sikeston Tourn.
12/17	Doniphan
12/20	Dexter
12/26-28	P. B. Showdown
1/10	Jackson
1/17	Kennett
1/18	Vashon
1/21	South Iron
1/24	Twin Rivers
1/28	East Carter Co.
1/30	Clearwater
1/31	Cape
2/4	NMCC
2/7	Sikeston
2/14	Charleston
215	Graves Co.
2/18	Scott Co. Central
2/24-28	Districts



Freshmen Boys Basketball Team; (front l.-r.) Lucas Moore, Jeremy Dile, Dusty Colclasure, Terry Britton, Rajeran George, Derek Roads, Chris Rickman, Ryan Whalen; (back) William Britton, Steve Buenaga, Matt Dodd, Grant Collins, Dan Null, Brad Allbritton, Coach Ed McKinney





Soph. Travis Kingery attempts a jump shot.

Frosh. William Britton shows perfect shooting form.

2/13

2/15



Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Team; (front l.-r.) Robbie Thompson, Patrick Lee, Thomas Huber, Chris Reeves, Travis Kingery, Jay Clark; (back) Jermain Webb, Jason Matlock, Corey Hamilton, Jeremy Webb.

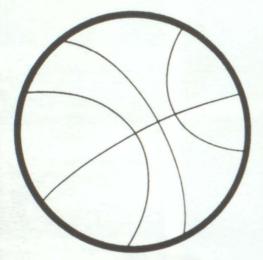
SPOR	TS TRATUK
Date	Opponent
12/3	Scott Co. Central
12/5	Sikeston
12/9	Charleston
12/18	Twin Rivers
12/19	Jackson
1/8	Charleston
1/11	Cape
1/13-16	Poplar Bluff Inv.
1/14	Sikeston
1/20	Twin Rivers
1/22-25	Cape Tourn.
1/27	Dexter
2/3	Neelyville
2/10	NMCC

Bloomfield Graves County

Passing up the

best

Experience, hard work and defense were three of the main qualities that led the junior varsity Lady Mules to a successful season. Losing some of their main starters did not faze the girls at all. They came out strong to start the season and ended the same way. The Lady Mules traveled to Union County, KY this year to take on the state champions. This team began the year with high expections. As the season ended, they proved that they had what it took to meet those expectations.



Sr. Anesha Webb waits for the referees' signal to throw in the ball from the court's sideline.

Coach Chronister gives the team a time-out speech.















Date	Opponent
11/25-27	Cape Tourn.
11/30	Cairo
12/10	Ellington
12/16	Desoto
12/18-21	Show Me Tourn.
1/6	Jackson
1/9	Cape
1/14	NMCC
1/18	Lake Co.
1/20	Charleston
1/23	Sikeston
1/25	Union Co.
1/27	Doniphan
2/3-8	Charleston Inv.
2/10-15	Fox Tourn.
2/17	Fredericktown
2/20	West Plains
2/21	Doniphan
2/24-28	Districts



Jr. Holly Teague aims for the free throw.

Soph. Amy Hendricks shoots with perfect form.

Varsity Girls Basketball Team; (front L-r.) Holly Teague, Zuleika Afshar, Amy Hendricks, Shanita Matthews, Dee Nolen, Erica Emmons, Kellie Opalewski; (back) Coach Kirk Chronister, Anesha Webb, Shuntae Johnson, Sara Lawson, Tonya Hill, Emily Wyatt, Tiffany Thomas, Lora Wilson, Coach Cindy Chronister.

Shoot for the

stars

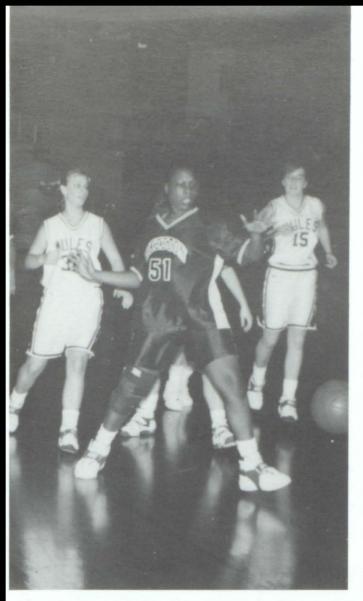
Experience, hard work and defense were three of the main qualities that lead the junior varsity Lady Mules to a successful season. Losing some of their main starters did not faze the girls at all. They came out strong to start the season and ended the same way. The Lady Mules traveled to Union County, KY this year to take on the state champions. This game was a challenge, and the Mules were victorious in the end. "Everybody has a lot of spirit because we feel j.v. is just as important as varsity," soph. Amanda Hillis said.



Frosh. Sara Lawson looks for a shot against a Sikeston player.



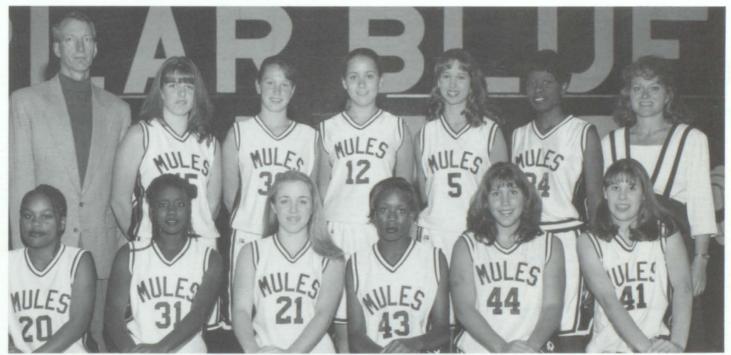
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2/3-8 2/10-15 2/17 2/20 2/21 2/24-28	Charleston Inv. Fox Tourn. Fredericktown West Plains Doniphan Districts	





Soph. Kellie Opalewski hustles for a loose ball.

Soph. Emily Wyatt dribbles around a defender to go for two.



Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Team; (front 1.-r.) Alex Adams, Munikua Watkins, Amanda Hillis, LaKicia Hawes, Andrea Lovelace, Kellie Opalewski; (back) Coach Kirk Chronister, Erika Emmons, Jessica Sells, Katie Farris, Sara Lawson, Tenisha Britton, Coach Cindy Chronister.

Pinning to

win

Ask anybody who has ever wrestled in their life if they think that wrestling isn't the toughest sport to play. You'll find out what it really means to sweat.

Two minutes in the gym annex are long enough to start sweating for some people. Try spending two hours practicing after a seven-hour school day when the soaring body temparatures of the other 25 wrestlers on the team can push you to your limit. However, rolling around on the floor and running until you get sick are not the most demanding parts of the sport.

"One of the hardest things about wrestling is keeping your weight down," said Jr. Jessie McKinley, "Wrestling is a very hard sport but it is also fun." The pressure was intense to keep the weight down. Some wrestlers voluntarily came in before school to take laps.

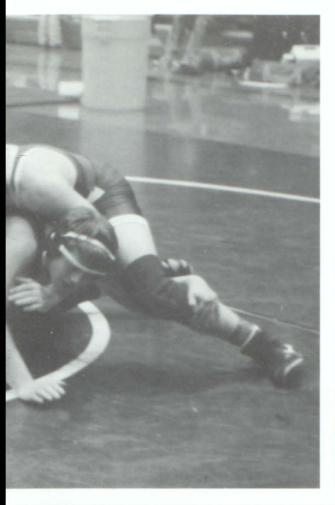
While practicing was tough, actual meets were even tougher, since wrestling depends so much on the individual.



Date	Opponent
12/6	Parkway South
12/12	Dexter
12/16	Jackson Tourn.
12/20-21	Tiger Classic
1/11	Poplar Bluff Inv.
1/14	Farm./Rolla/Wayn.
1/16	NMCC
1/21	Jackson
1/23	Cape
1/25	SEMO Conference
1/28	Farmington
2/1	DeSoto Tourn.
2/4	Sikeston
2/7-8	Districts

Sr. Aaron Aquino takes a second to recover from an injury.

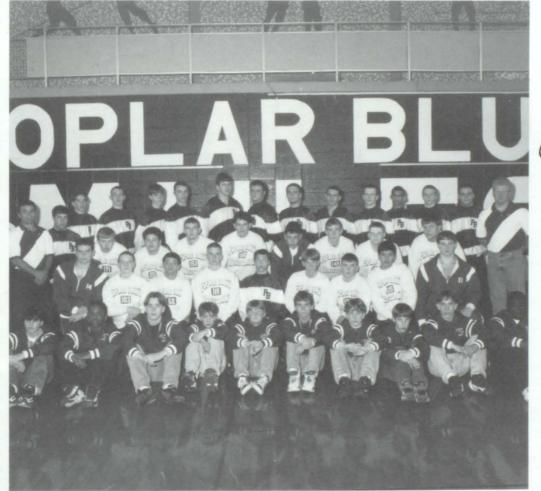




Jr. Mike Nelson takes control of his match.

As he often does, Sr. Duane Dunlap finds himself on top.







The 1997 Wrestling Team

Going for the

gold!

Track is a sport that not only focuses on the whole team, but on each individual athlete. One outstanding girl, Tenisha Britton, blew away all of the rest. Tenisha broke school records in the 100m high hurdles and the 300m low hurdles her freshman year. To make it more amazing she not only broke school records once, she succeeded in breaking those records again that same season.

Moving on to the state track meet in Jefferson City, Bree Taylor, Rita Kalich, Sheryl Anthony, and Tenisha Britton formed the 800m relay team. Tenisha took first at state in the 300m hurdles.



Girls Track (l.-r.) Aundriea Agner, Stephanie Dretcher, Julia Brown, Christina Reed, Brandi Ross, Champaign Anderson, BreeTaylor, Carmen Granfield, Missy Spell, Stephanie Ridenour; (back) Coach Meyer, Coach Pyland, Renee English, Amber Graves, Cindy Miller, Naomi Sharp, Katie Brown, Angela Ballew, Tenisha Britton, Tonya Hill, Terrica Battles, Roxanne Patrick, Ashley Hoja, Ashley Nelson, Coach Cody, Coach Ray.









Date	Oppenent
4/1 4/8 4/12 4/18 4/22 4/26 4/29 5/3 5/6 5/9 5/17	Sikeston Dexter-Sikeston Jackson Invitational NMCC River Bend Inv. NMCC Cape Relays Sikeston P.B. Inv. Jackson SEMO Conference District







Soph. LeeAnna Sliger concentrates as she competes.

Freshman Tenisha Britton sets her blocks before breaking another record.

Tenisha Britton shows her form during the 100m high hurdles.

Freshman Ashley Hoja clears the bar with ease.



Date	Oppenent
4/1 4/8 4/12 4/18 4/22 4/26 4/29 5/3 5/6 5/9	Sikeston Dexter-Sikeston Jackson Invitational NMCC River Bend Inv. NMCC Cape Relays Sikeston P.B. Inv. Jackson SEMO Conference District





De-Mar George sprints around the curve.

Jason Poston strides out and sets a pace.

Christian Salyer shows us how to win a race.







Running for the

medal

Top ten reasons to run

- 10. A chance to meet people.
- 9. Freshmen don't have to find a ride home after school.
- 8. You can choose to run, jump, throw, volt, or hurdle.
- 7. Relay teams can go to State.
- 6. Keeps you in shape.
- 5. If you throw shot or disc, you don't run.
- 4. Get lots of medals.
- 3. You can letter.
- 2. Rain delays.
- Gives football players a second sport so they don't have to do up-downs.





The Poplar Bluff Boy's Track Team.

Take me out to the

ballgame

Top ten reasons to play baseball

- 10. Building the courage to stand in front of a 90mph fastball.
- 9. Dealing with sportsmanship.
- 8. The amazing diving snags.
- 7. It's our own fault if we mess up.
- 6. We get three chances for a hit.
- 5. The fun and the glory.
- 4. Discipline and responsibility.
- 3. Getting dirty and working hard.
- 2. The good feeling of rush from the crack sound of the bat.
- 1. The intense competition.





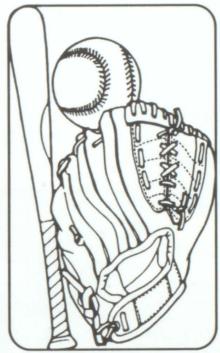
Sr. Mike Hennen practices his catching methods.

The 1997 Mules Baseball Team

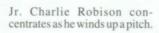




Date	Opponent
3/27 4/4 4/8 4/11 4/14 4/16 4/18 4/24-26 4/29 5/1 5/3 5/5 5/6 5/7 5/8 5/10 5/12 5/13 5/15	Notre Dame Green County Tech Sikeston Cape Summersville Cape Jackson Paragould Tourn. Jackson Sikeston NMCC Notre Dame West Plains Twin Rivers Dexter NMCC East Carter Co. Doniphan Farmington
5/19-24	Districts



Sr. Ernie Dorris shows his hitting strategy.





Golfers up to

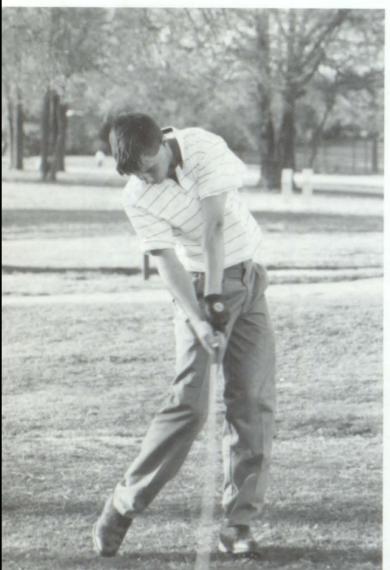
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This year's golf team had some big shoes to fill. The biggest shoes in the state to be exact. After back-to-back State championships and three years inside the top two, the 1997 Poplar Bluff varsity golf team had much to live up to.

Their most dominant concern was finding someone to fill the large shoes of three-time all-stater Colby Robertson. Robertson led the Mules to their eighth state championships in 1995 and 96.

However, talent was something the Mules did not lack. Srs. Cameron Lundry and Josh McCarty were more than willing to see if the shoe fit and upcoming juniors like Chris Love and Andy McCullum could not wait to get their feet wet as well.

As the season wore on, the Mules faced many practices and many tough opponents. The varsity golf team hopes to have another state championship and leave behind bigger shoes to be filled.

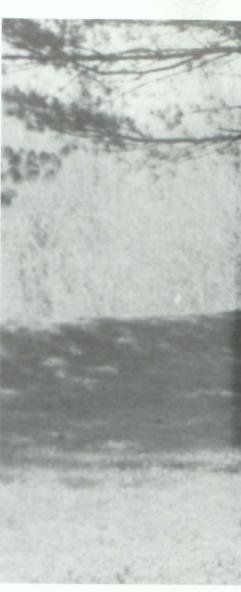


Jr. Chris Love makes a textbook drive.

Jr. Andy McCullum lines up a long putt.









Jr. Ryan Schlimpert tees off on the first hole.

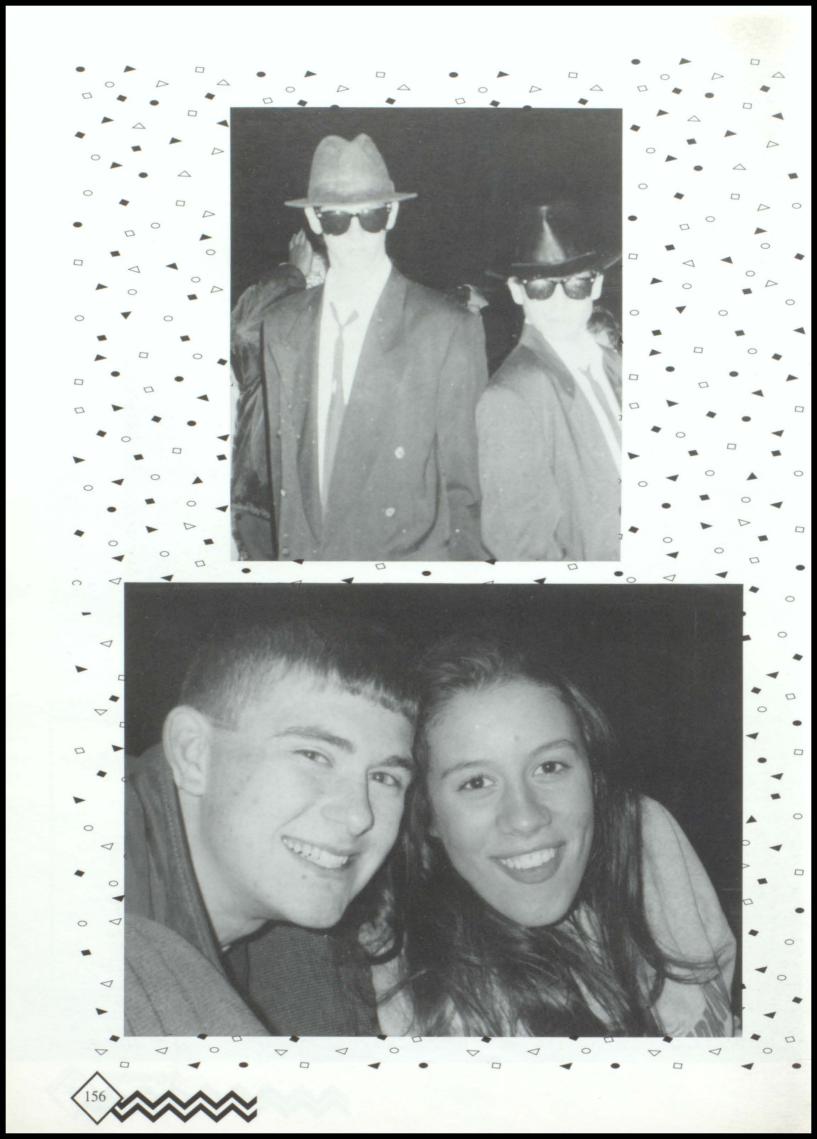
Eyeing the hole before a putt, Jr. Cameron Lundry assures himself a good position.





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Opponent
Kennett-Doniphan
Sikeston
Jonesboro
Twin Rivers
Kennett
Hurricane Classic
Pop;ar Bluff Inv.
Jonesboro
Southwest Relays
Cape/Notre Dame
Sikeston Inv.
Dexter
Fannington Inv.
Jackson
District

(front, l.-r.) Cameron Lundry, Andy McCullum, Kevin Barbour; (second) Josh McCarty, Ryan Schlimpert, Colby Robertson, Chris Love, Jacob Hogg.





Susan Minner, Editor Traci Ferguson Rasheeda Jordan Keli Robertson Jenni Williams



Sr. Lori Taber fixes pancakes for her home economics class.





Senior Class of '97

Seniors have many responsibilities their last year at PBHS. One is to choose the leaders of the class to be representatives. The officers for the graduating class of 1997 will remain in office for the upcoming years to prepare and organize reunions for the class.

Seniors also have to make the big decision of what they are going to do after graduation. Some may choose to go to college, while others may choose to start working after they get out of high school. "I plan to go to college and major in psychology and minor in biology," said Sr. April Rone about her intentions. On the other hand, Chance Whitehead has a slightly different plan for his future. "I plan to be a professional dancer until my first literary masterpiece is published," he said. Whatever the goal may be, each Senior has to make his or her own decisions.

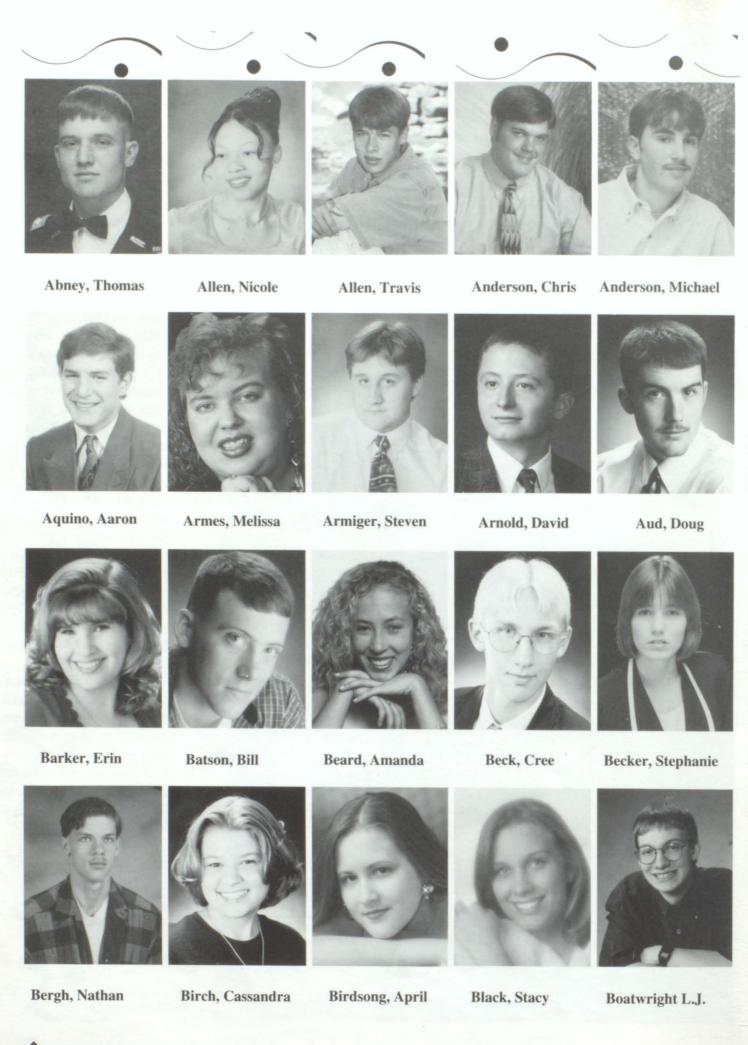
Seniors also spend the year reflecting back on the memories they have made, throughout their four years at PBHS. Amanda Beard remembers her first day at PBHS. "I was talking to a group of friends and turned around to say something to someone and ran right into a pole. Everyone laughed and we walked on. We started talking again and I turned around and again ran into a pole." Amy Surber will never forget one of her teachers and "being privelaged enough to deserve 'The Don's contributions to humanity and the English language on a daily basis in his honors history class." The memories of the class of 1997 will be cherished forever.

With many adventures ahead of them, each senior will select a different pathway as they reach for their goals and ambitions. However, with each of them goes the memories they all shared at Poplar Bluff High School.

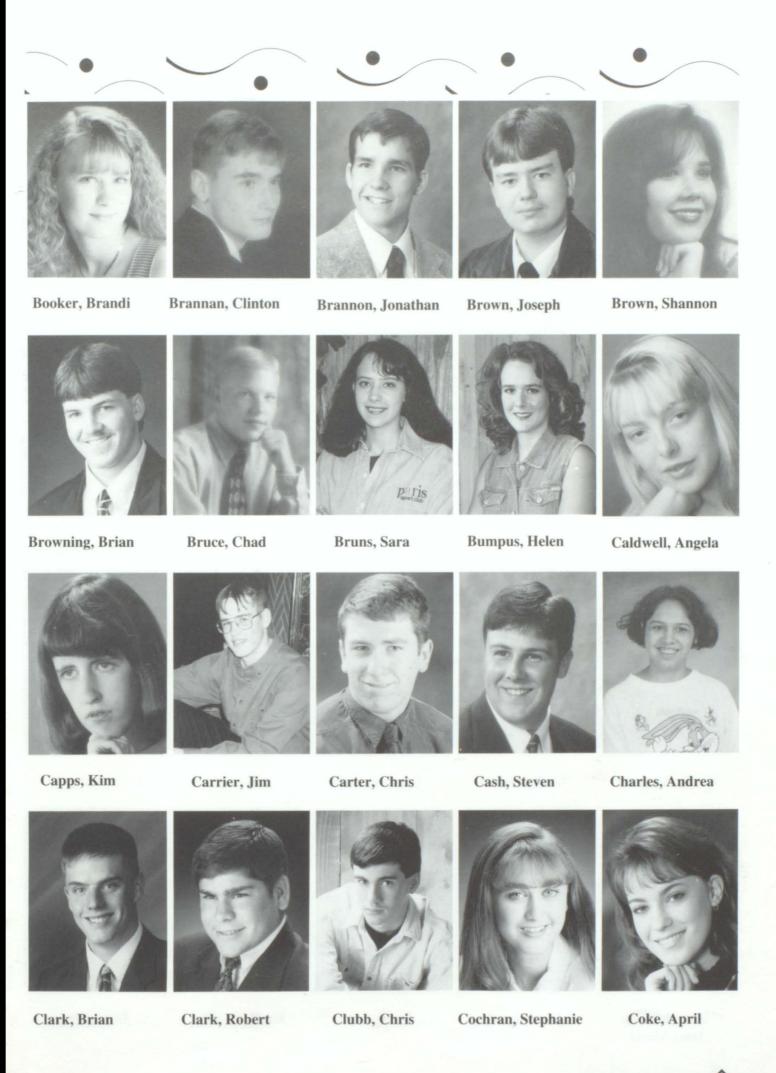
Senior Class Officers are Sara Stacy, Jon LeGrand, Shelley Gutterman, and Mindy Wilhoit.

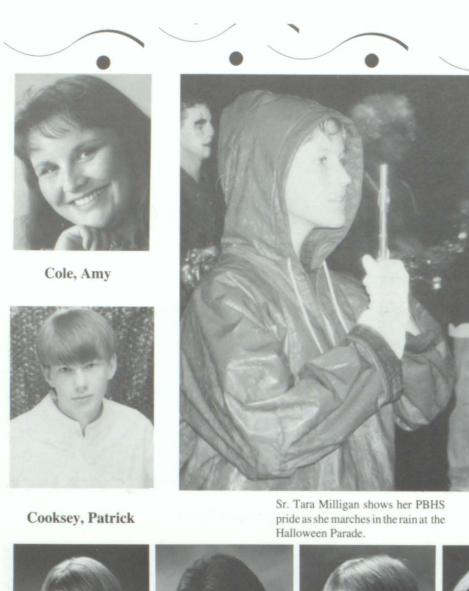
Sr. Jessica Martin studies hard for one of her finals.

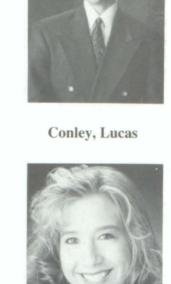


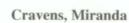














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Crites, Bryan



Cross, Russell



Dancer, Amy



Darnell, Justin



Daugherty, Anna Maria



Davis, Laura



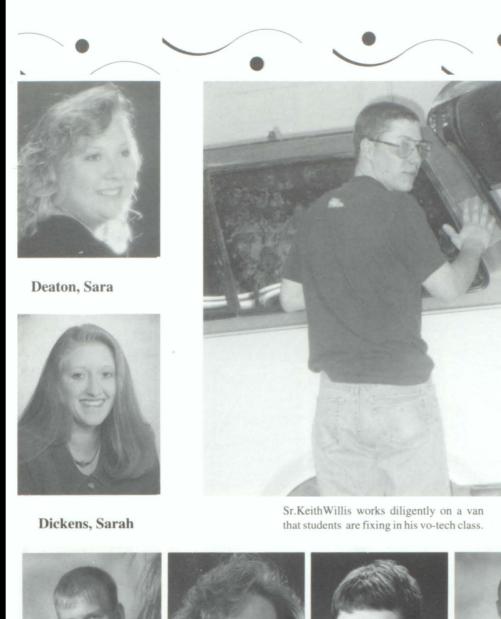
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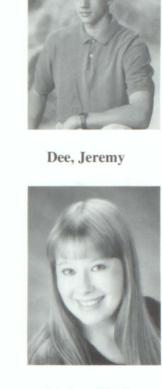


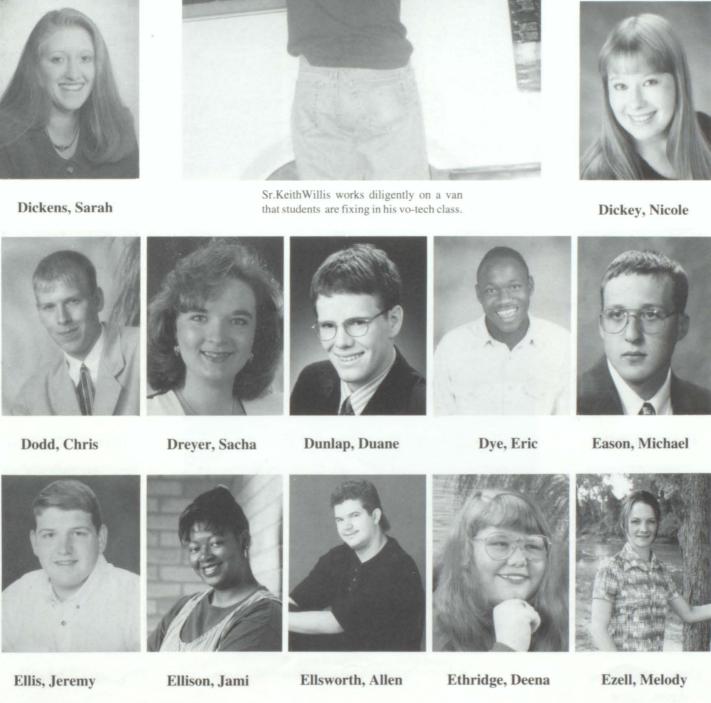
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Dawe, Pilar













Fisher, Rachel



Flores, Gennifer



Franklin, Stephanie



Gagnon, Angela



Garcia, Kristal



Gordon, Chris



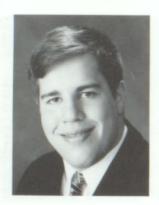
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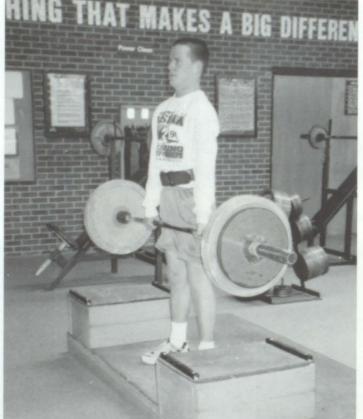
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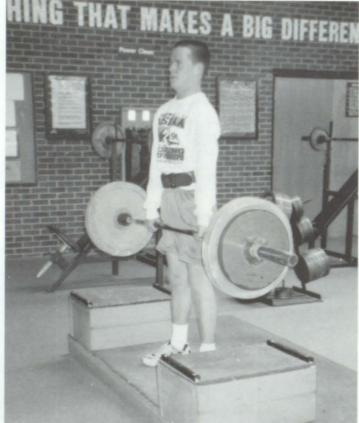


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Sr. Duane Dunlap tries to master the dead lift.

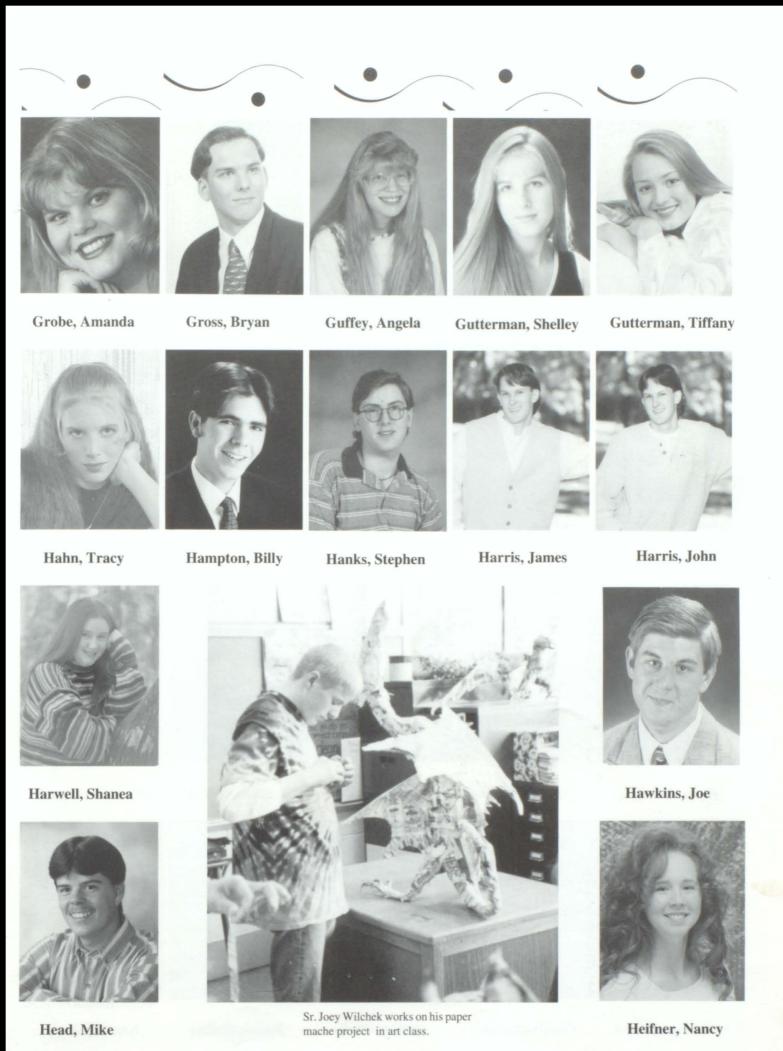


Greenwell, Melissa



Gresham, Willie

Gregg, Melanie



Seniors/Keli Robertson



Henry, Stacy



Sr. Stephanie Sharp tries her best to pep up the crowd at an assembly.



Hewlett, Steven



Hon, Mike



Holland, Julie

Hon, Shannon



Huck, Tonya



Jeffries, Derek



Johnson, Crystal



Johnson, Shuntae



Jones, Fred



Jones, Grace



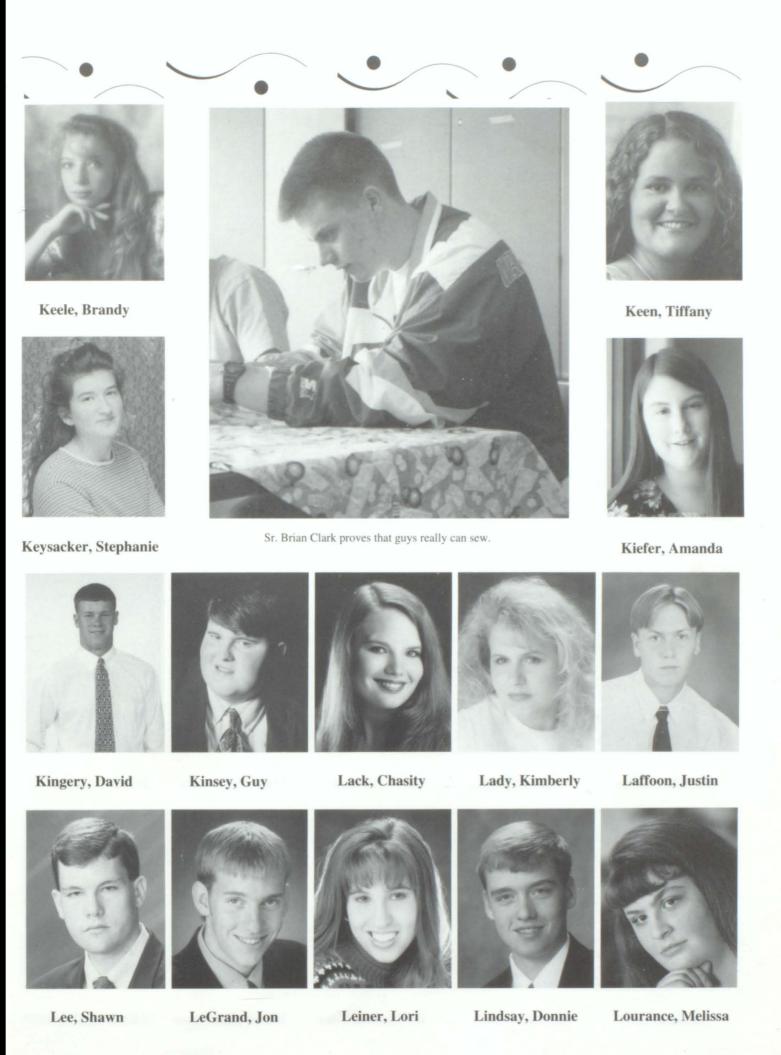
Jordan, Travis



Justice, Joshua



Kearbey, Kara





Lucas, Jeff



Srs. Brandi Booker and Stephanie Cochran resist the temptation to talk so they can study.



Lundry, Cameron



Lyons, Gregory



Luttrull, Tracie

Malone, Aaron



Martin, Jessica



Martin, Richard



Maurer, Clarissa



McCabe, April



McCain, Gary



McCarty, Josh



McCluskey, Tory





McDonald, Jason McDowell, Dannielle



McDowell, Kelly



Sr. Cassie Birch enjoys dinner with her father at the NHS banquet.



McFadden, Josh



McGowen, Courtney



McGinty, Hillary

McKnight, Rebecca



Mead, Tosha



Merriman, Brianne



Milligan, Tara



Minner, Susan



Mitchell, Nathan



Moore, Erin



Moore, Jason



Moore, Lance



Mosley, Billy











Nance, Ervin

Olmstead, Jaclyn

Patrick, Roxanne

Patterson, Joe

Payne, Crysten











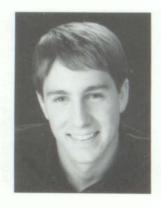
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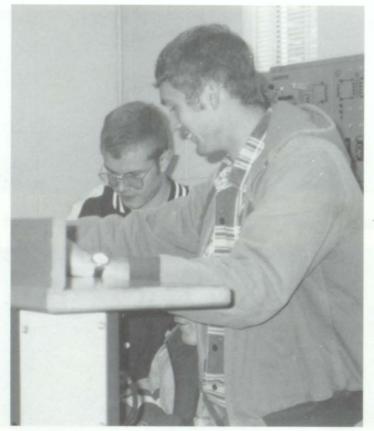
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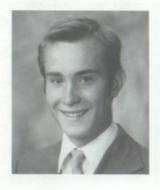
Srs. Kevin Pope and Brad Trout work on a project for their vo-tech class.



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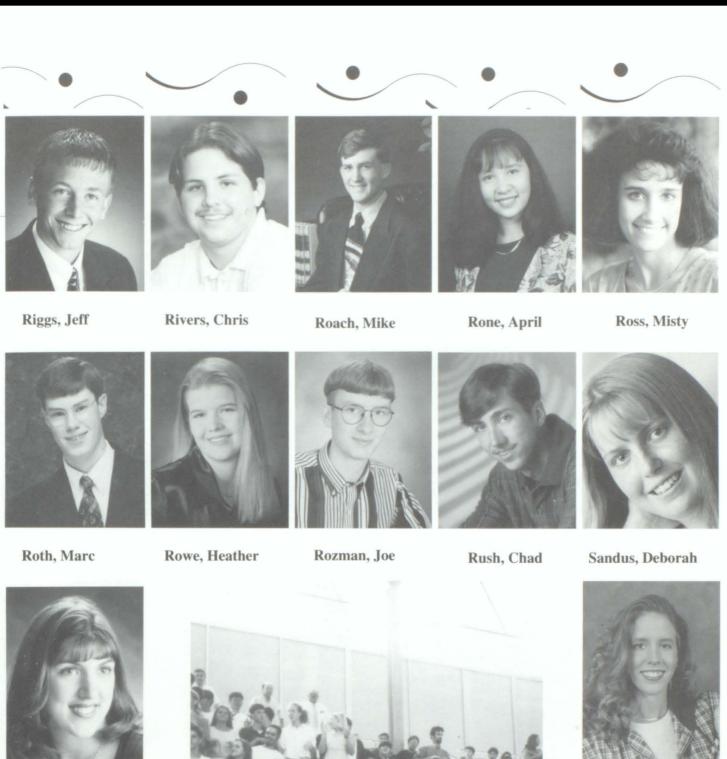


Rhodes, Matthew



Rhoads, Mike







Seaton, Sarah



Sharp, Stephanie



Srs. show their spirit at one of their favorite activities, a pep assembly.



Sharp, Naomi



Sheridan, Billy Joe









Shirrell, Heather

Sisk, Tara

Sitzes, Jeri

Smith, Phillip







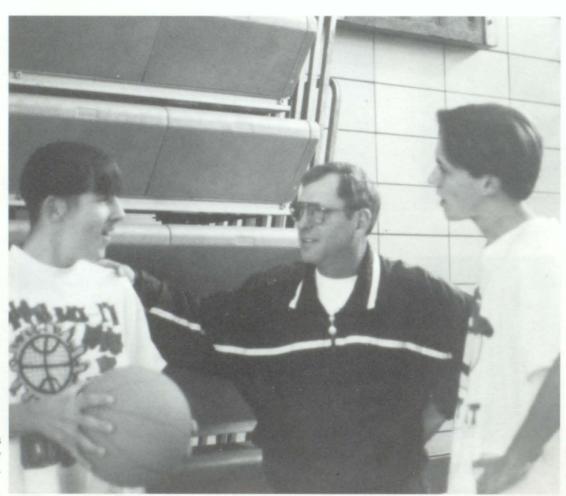


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Spell, Missy

Stacy, Sara

Starling, David



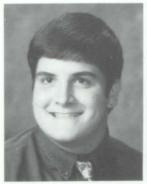
Sr, Justin Laffoon and Frosh James Pickard discuss with Coach Cody about the activities in their P.E. class.



Srs. Dee Taylor and Shuntae Johnson pose with Jr. Zuleika Afshar for a quick picture.



Sr. Chance Whitehead shows off his work in the homecoming door decorating contest.



Steffan, Joe



Stevens, James



Steward, Rex



Stiber, Sean



Stonecipher, Shaundel



Sullivan, Melissa



Surber, Amy



Taber, Lori









Tanner, Dana

Taylor, Dee

Taylor, Josh

Thomas, David









Thompson, Carmen

Thompson, Naomi

Thurman, James

Thurman, Sally



Sr. Rachael Turpin works on her sewing project in hopes of receiving an A.



Sr. band members goof off in the band room while waiting for their next class.



Tiffany, Robert



Tinsley, Joey



Tune, Justin



Turpin, Rachael



Vaughn, Stacie



Vernon, Herschel



Wacker, Kristy



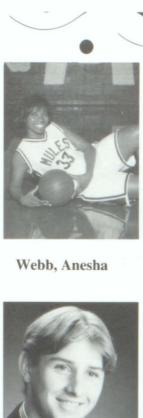
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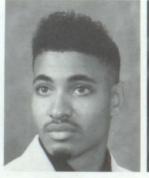
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Wilson, Deborah



Wilson, Jimmy



Winters, Kayode



Wyatt, Kristy



Young, Brooke



Zauss, David





Sr. Thomas Herrin retrieves a library book for his assignment.

Math teacher Bill Reeves helps Srs. Willie Gresham and Duane Dunlap test their bridge for the drafting vs. physics contest.



These seniors run the polls for the mock election.



Sullivan, Kenny



Bazzell, Debbie



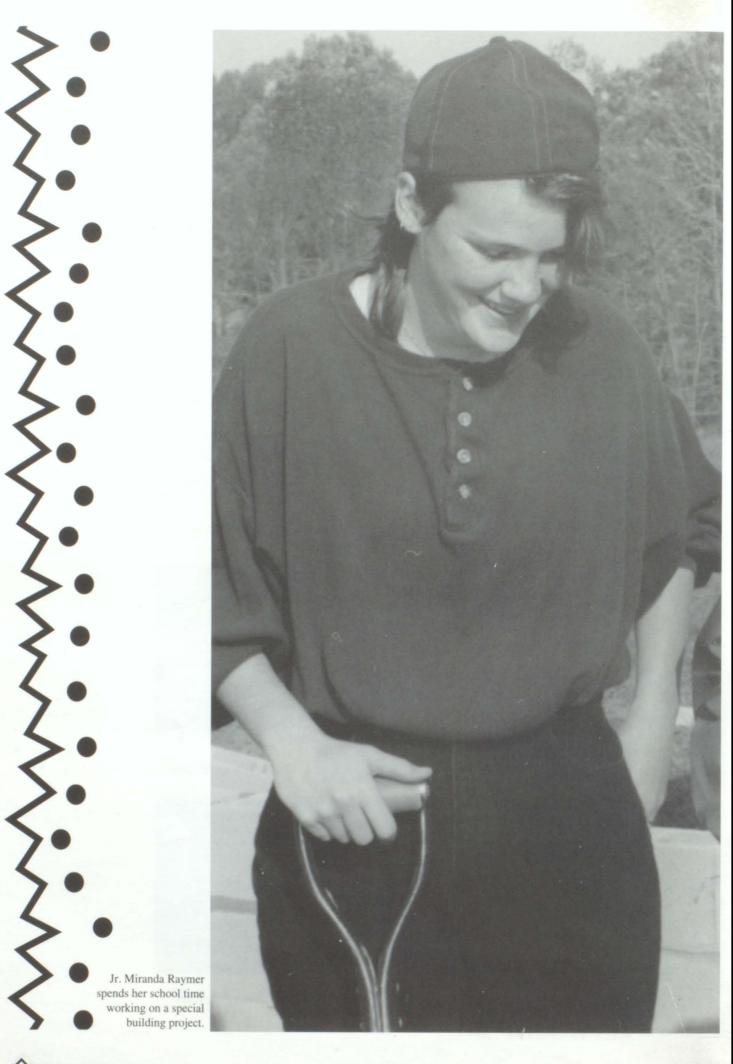
Dunivan, Jason



Hedrick, Mechelle



Teague, Lisa







Junior Class of '98

In the halls of 'B' building, there was usually a huge crowd of people, most of which were juniors at their lockers. Nothing unusual there, right? Well, those traditional juniors were different, and they continued to prove it!

The class of 1998 proved their uniqueness when they set a new record in the magazine fund-raiser for the prom and senior banquet. Raising a total of \$23,247, the juniors out-sold the class of '97 by nearly \$1,300.

Many juniors proved their differences

from the sophomores and freshmen by being able to drive. "I'm so glad my parents don't have to take me everywhere now!" said Jr. Joe Adams.

Despite their differences, however, some things became tradition, such as choosing the same class leadership for the second year in a row. The officers led their class in conducting a successful and entertaining prom.

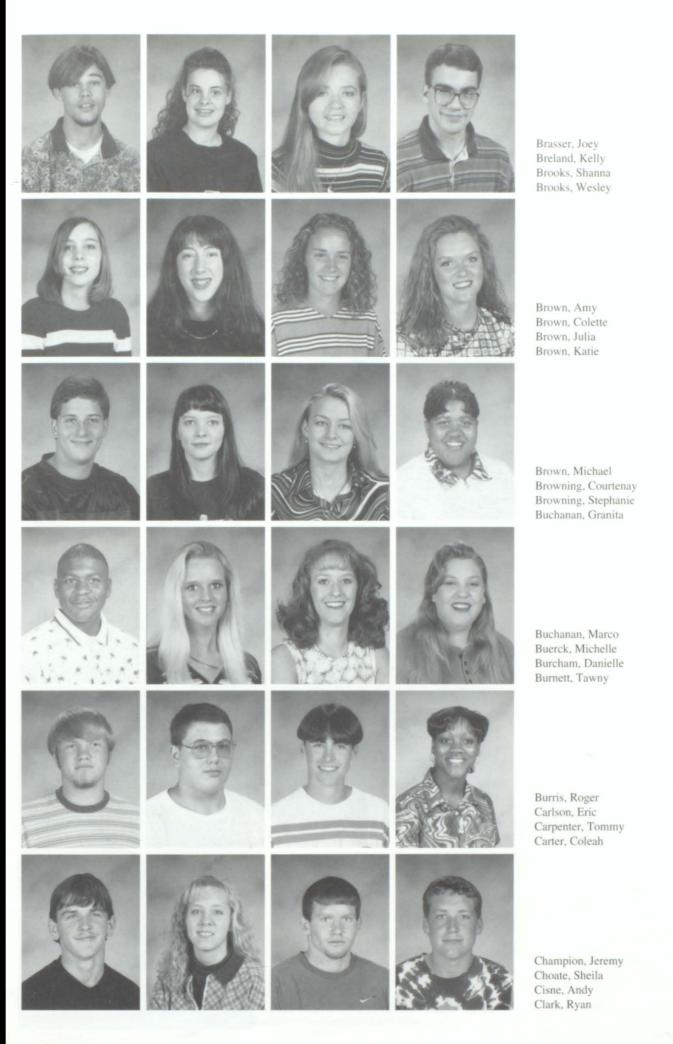
As the year came to a close, juniors began planning in earnest for both their senior year and their future.

Junior class officers are President Becky Long, Vice-President Tonya Hill, Treasurer Julia Brown, and Secretary Ashley Dille.

Junior Mike Tinsley emphasizes his speech with both his facial expression and hand gesture.

Adams, Joe Afshar, Zuleika Agee, Jenny Agner, Aundriea Alexander, Donnie Anderson, Champagne Baker, Donald Barbour, Kevin Barger, Amanda Barnes, Jessica Barton, Sarah Battles, Terrica Blackburn, Matt Blackman, Marcel Blackmon, Jeric Blackmon, Mark Boatwright, Jeremiah Bogie, Buck Boone, Terry Boos, Melissa Bounds, Heather Boyer, Lisa Brack, Adam Braden, Kristy

Juniors/Susan Minner



Davis, Amanda Davis, David Davis, Emily Davis, Robert

Collier, Tobey Cook, Tonya Cooper, Reagan Courtney, Jerry

Crabtree, Lorie Crafton, Eric Crowley, Jeremy Dausmann, Sarah



Jr. Tara Robertson makes copies for her teacher



Jr. office worker, Trish Davis, gives English teacher Mrs. Gayla Fritts an important message.









Davis, Ryan Davis, Trish Deaton, Derek Denney, Daphne







Desrochers, Amy Dille, Ashley Divine, Heather Dobbs, Nathan









Dorris, Kenny Douglas, Chad Dugger, Dwan Eastwood, Becky



Jrs. Daniel Whitworth, Chad Douglas, Jeremy Crowley, Bill Elliott, and Saumil Karavadia stand outside talking while they wait for the bell to ring.



Jr. Stacy Tuttle watches with anticipation as she sees a teacher grading her test..



English teacher Ms. Cato explains to Jr. Randy Pate how to correct his writing assignment.



Edgar, Kevin Elliott, Bill Embree, Mandy Erkens, Kathrin





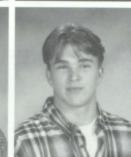


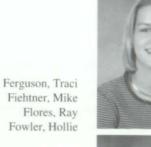


















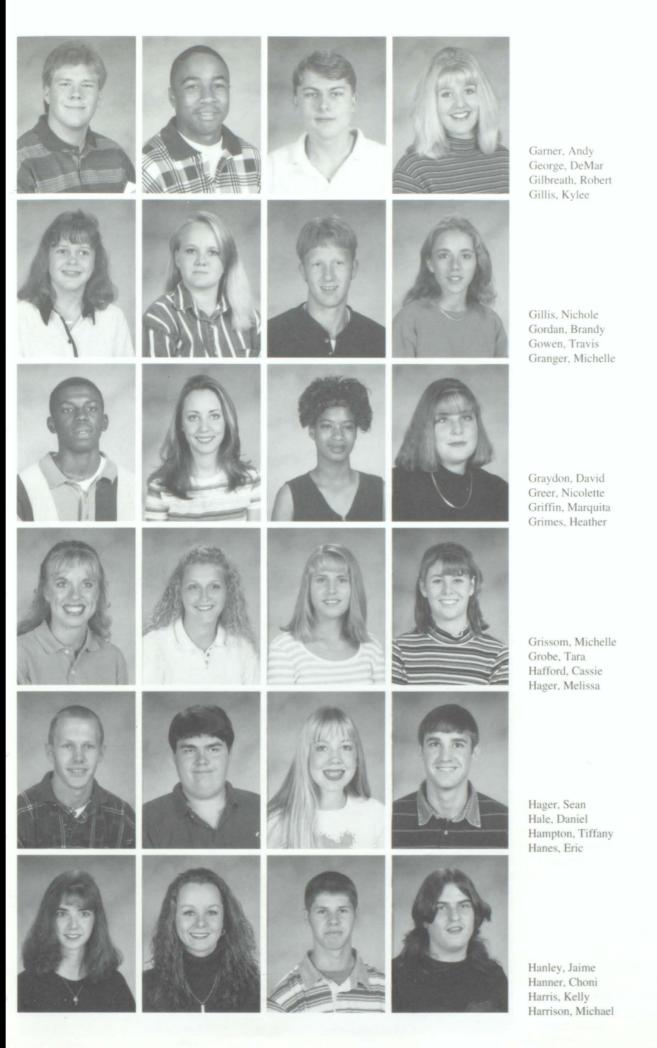


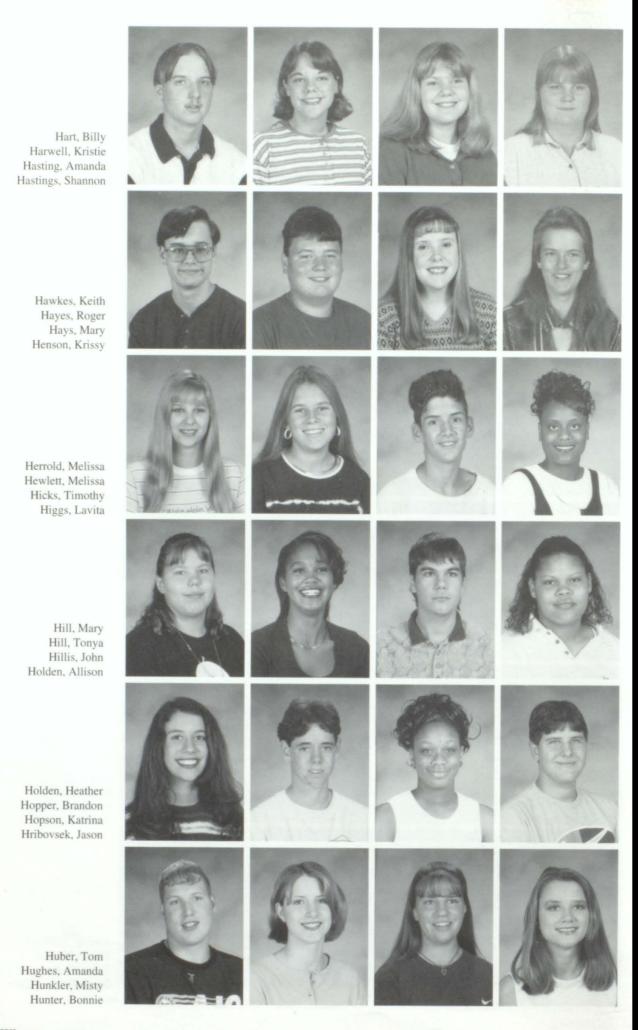






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Hunter, Shawn Jackson, Eric Jackson, Pamela Jarrett, Daniel





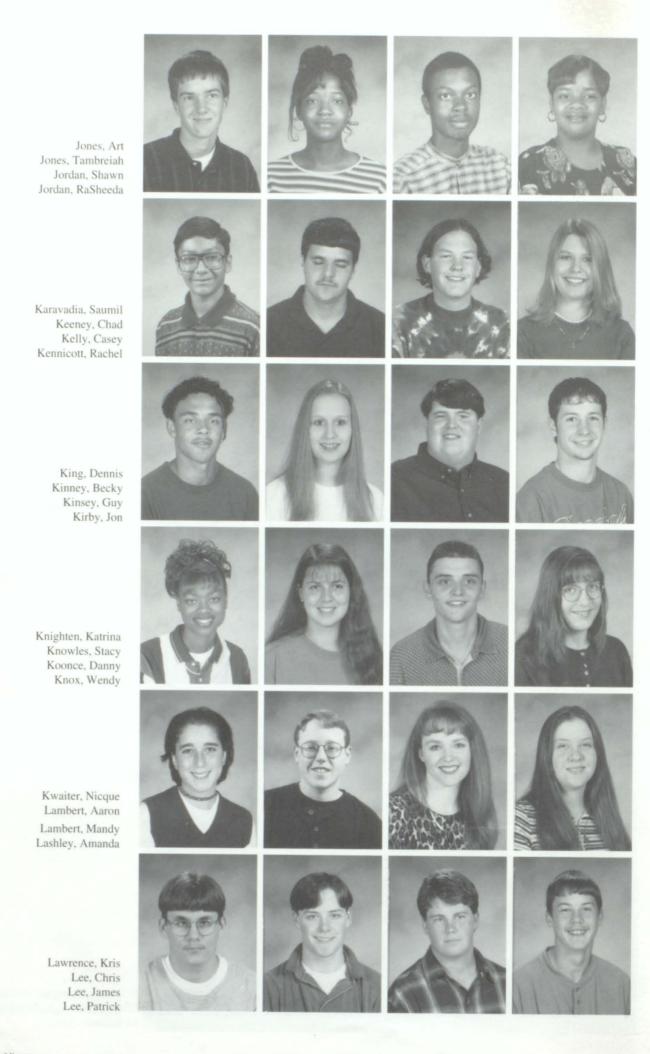


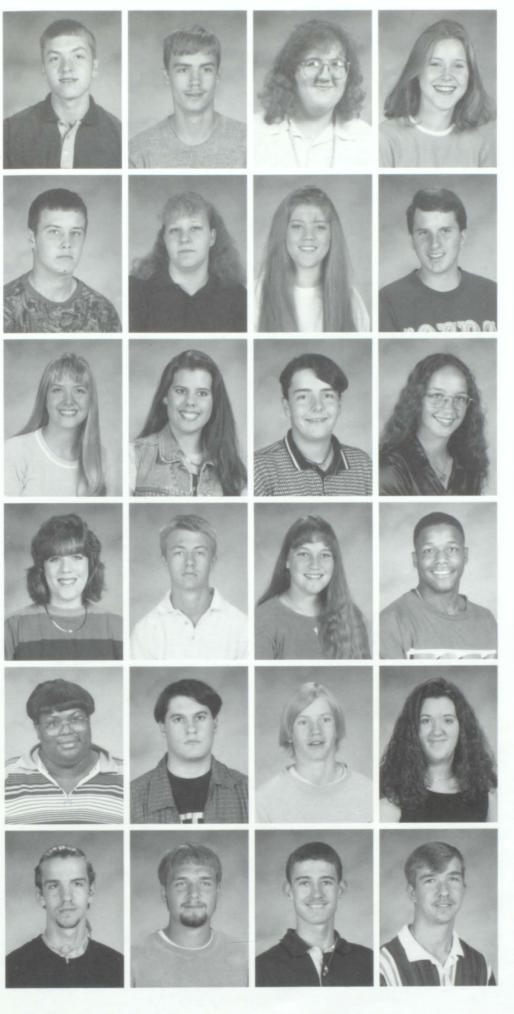


Jenkins, Chris Johnson, Brian Johnson, Lesley Johnson, Monica



Jr. Leanna Sliger chats with her classmate Christy Thomas as she retrieves a book for her next class.





Lindsay, Scottie Lohman, Jeffery Long, Chrystal Long, Becky

Love, Chris Loyd, Nicole Luck, Melissa Lynn, Stephan

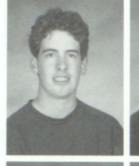
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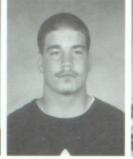
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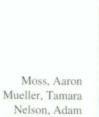










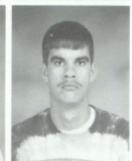


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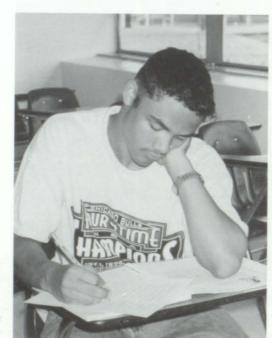








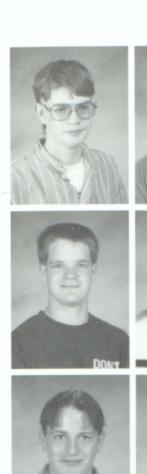
Nelson, Michael Nicholas, Amy Nichols, Kate Norman, William Jr.





Jr. Dennis King takes a brief rest before an important test.

Jr. Kevin Barbour helps out as he carries a box for his teacher.









O'Hara, Jason Oppermann, Bobby Ordway, Sherri Ortiz, LaDonne







Padgett, Nate Paisley, Amanda Parker, Sloan Parks, Patricia









Pate, Randy Patel, Ketan Patterson, Lisa Payne, William









Persons, Aron Persons, Christina 5/5/80-2/28/97 Petersen, Rachel Phillips, Jennifer



Jrs. Marco Buchanan, Jennifer Young, Shannon Hastings, and Cassie Hafford get information about college at the PBHS College Day. Numerous colleges were represented.



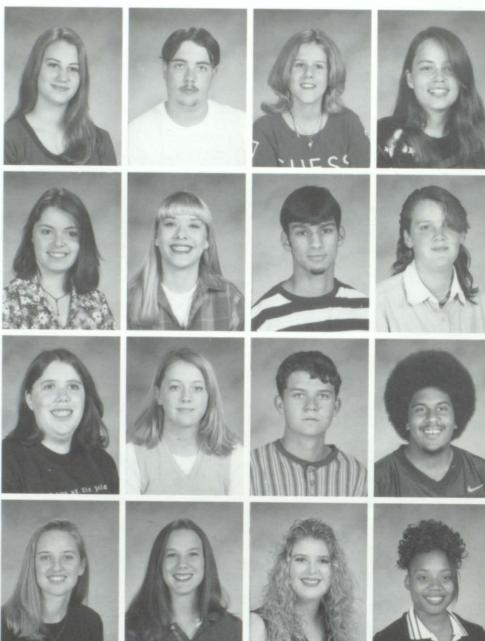
Jrs. Bonnie Hunter, Shema Ward, and Soph. Amber Wrinkle take a break from their homework to catch up on the day's events.

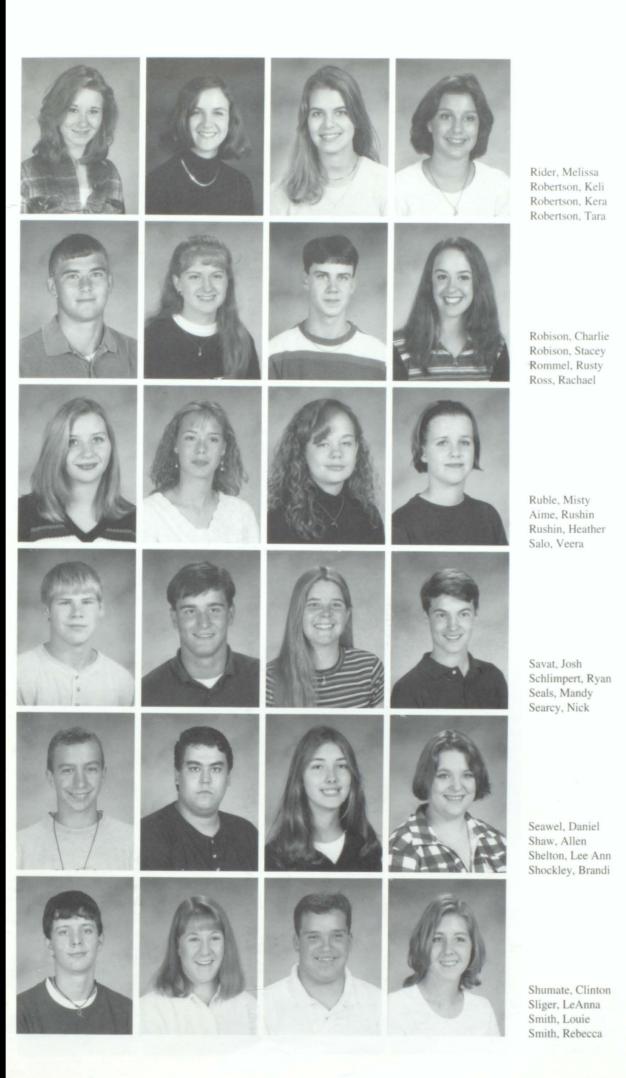


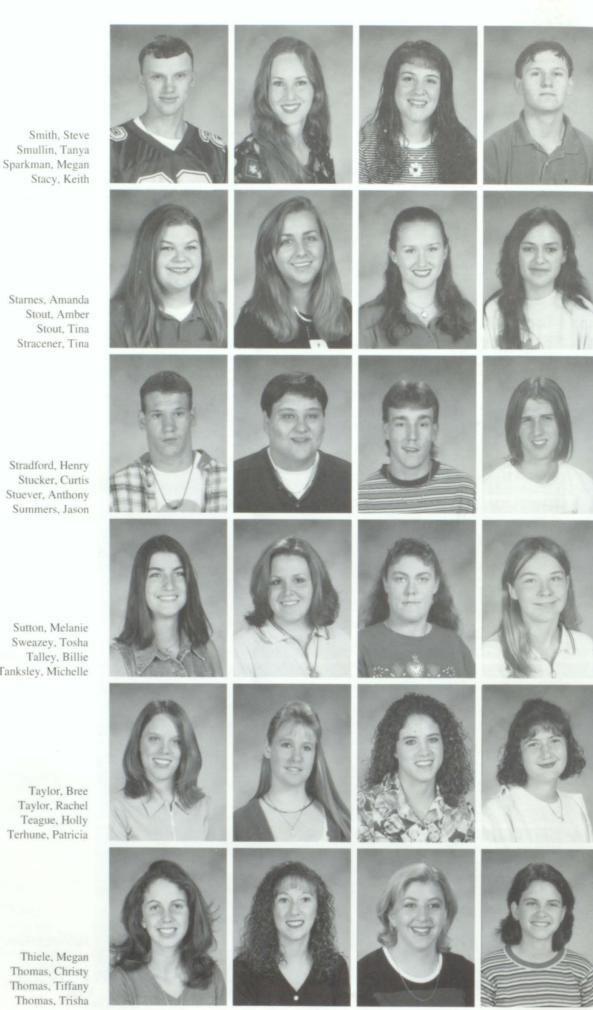
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Reed, Sarah Resnik, Heather Rice, Melissa Richie, Tina







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Stradford, Henry Stucker, Curtis Stuever, Anthony Summers, Jason

Sutton, Melanie Sweazey, Tosha Talley, Billie Tanksley, Michelle

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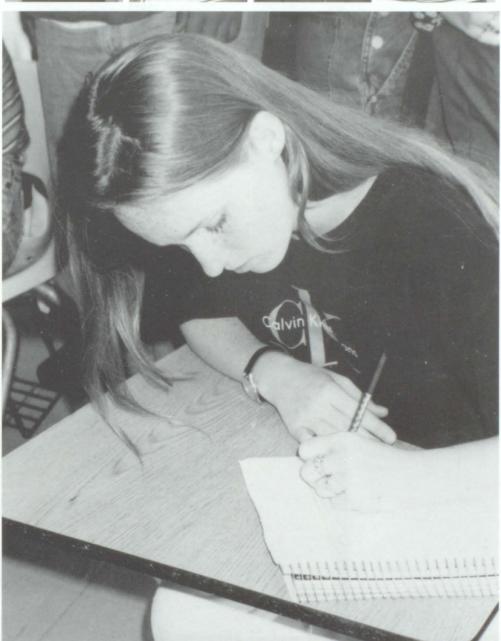








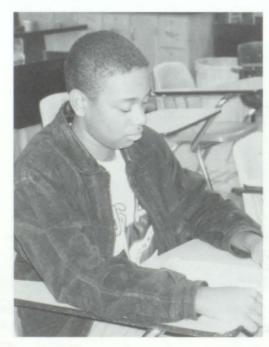
Trout, Lezlie Tubb, Travis Tuttle, Stacy Vance, Clarissa



Jr. Tanya Smullin writes a note to a friend.

Vaughn, Kevin Vaught, Mary Venable, Travis Waite, Jason Walker, Jessica Wallace, Jason Ward, Eric Ward, Heather Ward, Shema Warren, Kyle West, Jim White, Jennifer

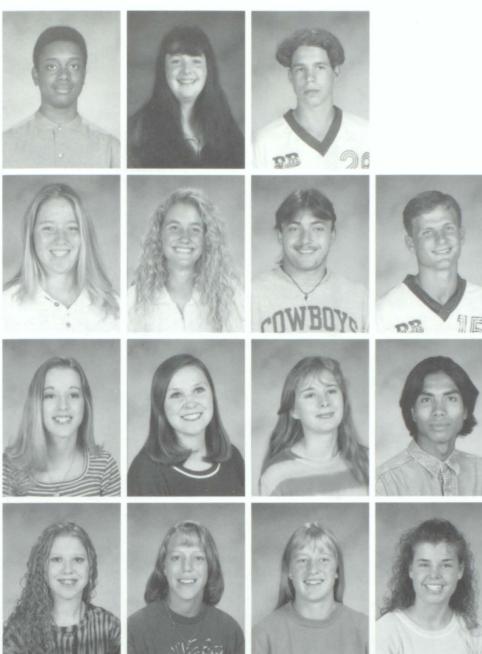
Whitmer, Jason Whitworth, Daniel Wilkerson, Becky Willcut, Keith





Jr. Dewayne Williams crams for an up-coming chemistry test.

Jrs. Eric Hanes, DeMar George, Tonya Hill, and Tiffany Thomas show their PBHS pride as they decorate their door for spirit week.



Williams, Dewayne Williams, Jennifer Wilson, Bryan

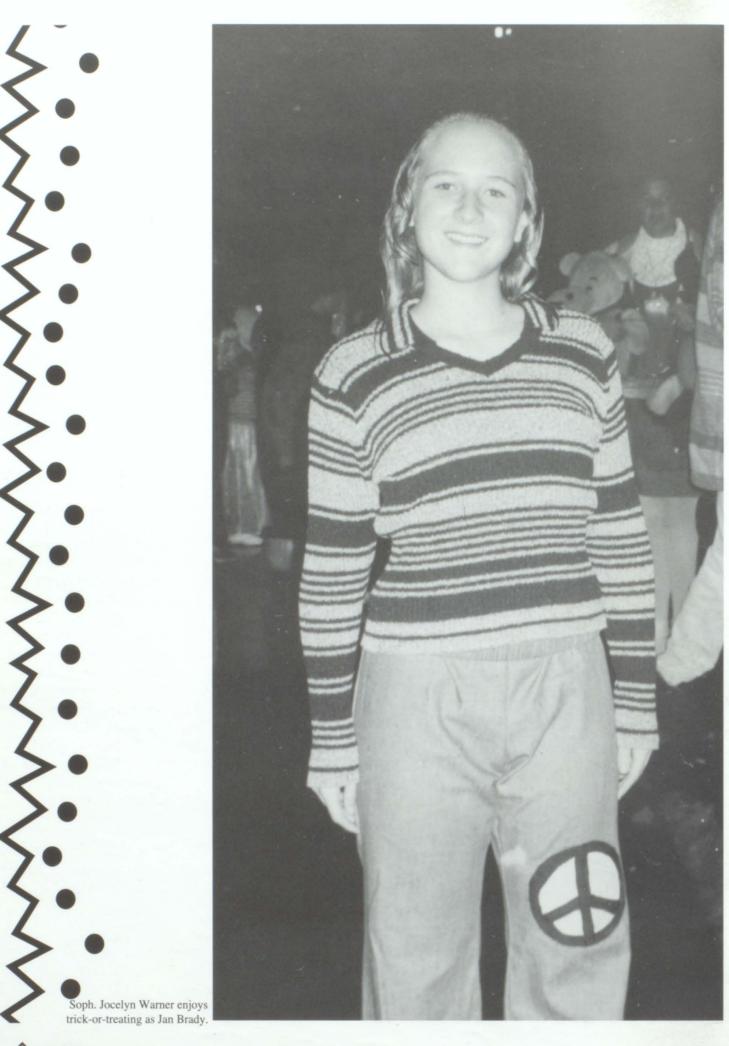
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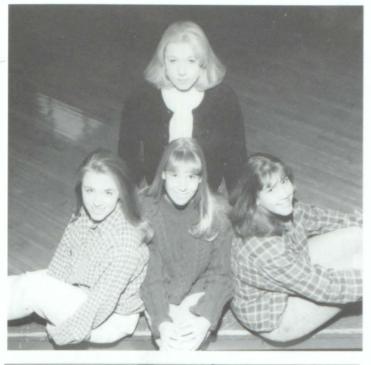
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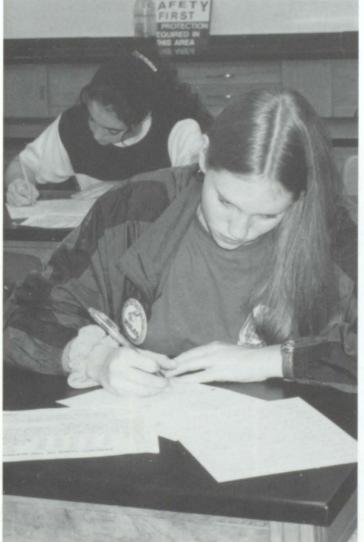




NIKE members socialize with their friends while waiting for the first official meeting to begin.







Sophomore Class of '99

The Sophomore class of 1999 will be the graduating class before the brand new century.

S o p h . A . J . McDonald said the class of '99 is special "because it's the last year before the year 2000!" Soph. Garland Martin also said this class is unique "because it's the turn of the century."

As the sophomores returned to PBHS for the 1996-1997 school year they were familiar with the school and not as lost as they felt as freshman. Although still young, they were well

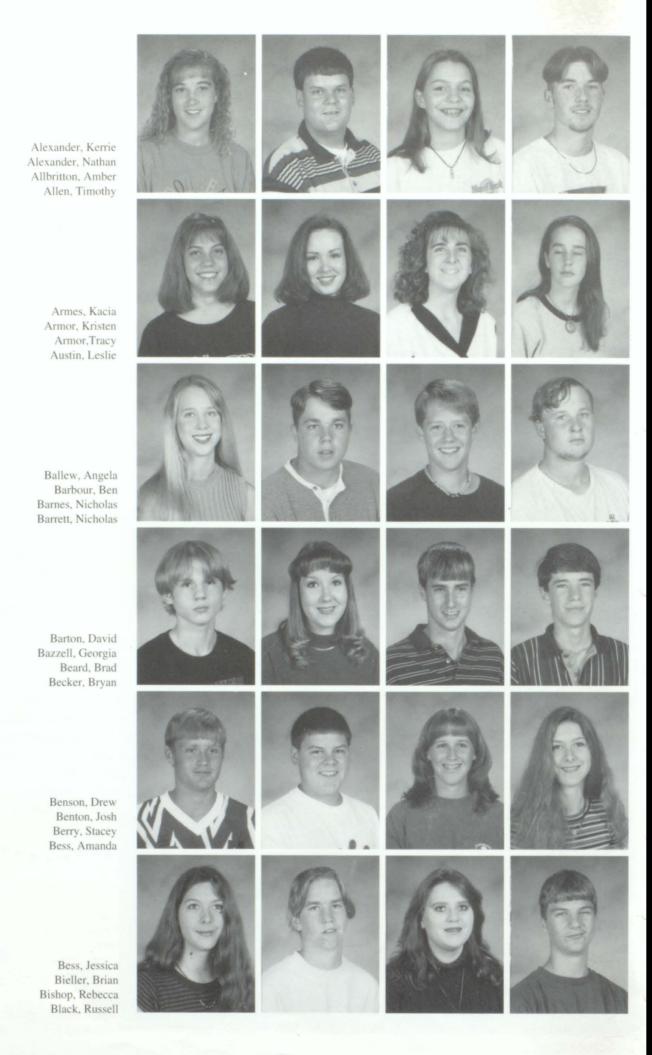
on their way to becoming upperclassmen. Soph. Rocky Grandfield said, "It feels a lot better to be a sophomore than a freshman because I'm not the lowest class, but a step higher."

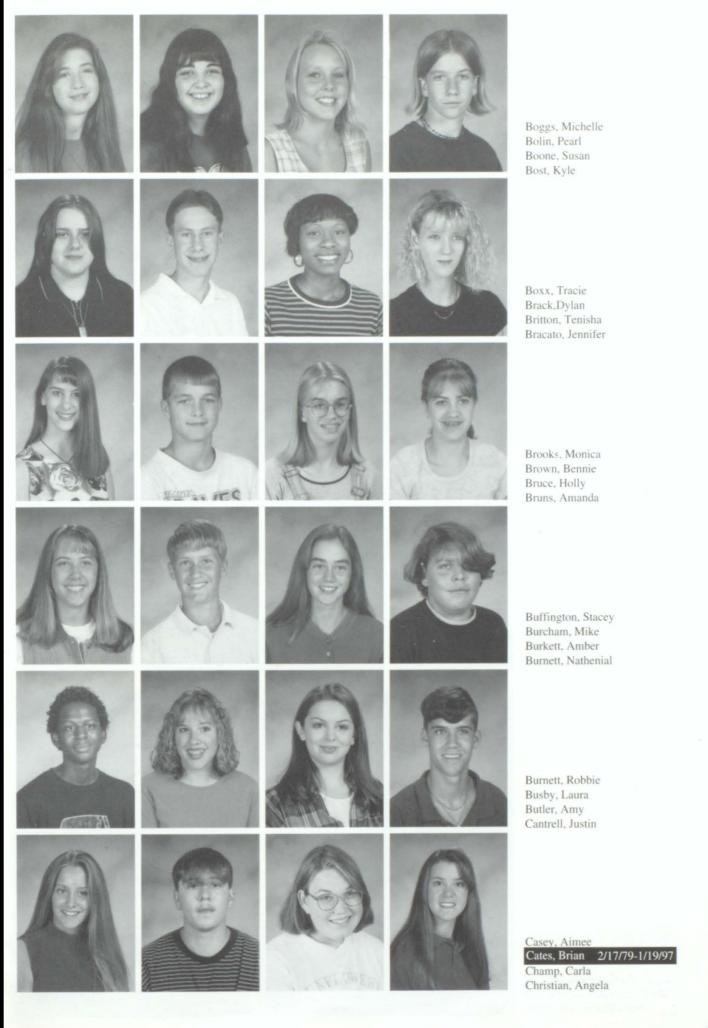
The sophomore class had a special Valentines dance. This was the time for dancing and fun. Soph. Marcus Johnson said,"The right kind of music and the proper dress made the dance a big success."

The class of 1999 is special both because of its members and its unique place and time in history.

Sophomore class officers are President Gennie Gieselmann, Vice-President Stephanie Ridenour, Treasurer Andrea Lovelace, and Secretary Amanda Hillis.

Soph. Rachel Keeling concentrates as she attempts to pass one of Mr. Garver's tests.





Clark, Jay
Clarkson, Brooke
Cobb, Jennifer
Cochran, Amber

Cochran, Cinda
Coley, Donald
Compton, Angela
Cooper, Rachel

Costin, Nick Cox, Brittney Cozort, Robert Crayton, Katie



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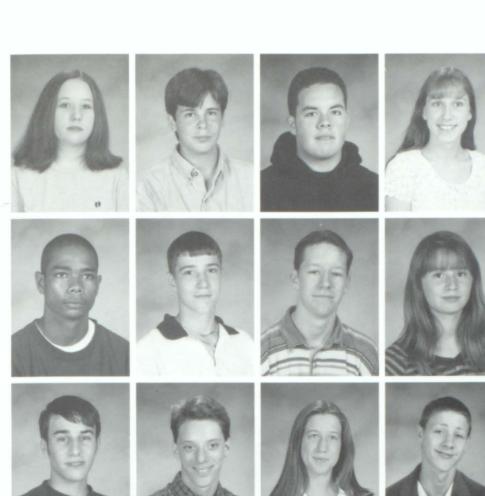
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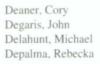




Soph. Jermain Webb laughs with his friends after their P.E. class.

Frosh. Felecia McComb discusses high school life with Soph. Carmen Grandfield.





Daniel, Tracie Daves, Corey David, Billy Davis, Elaina



Depew, Shea Desrochers, Aaron Dewerff, Deah Dicken, Bobby



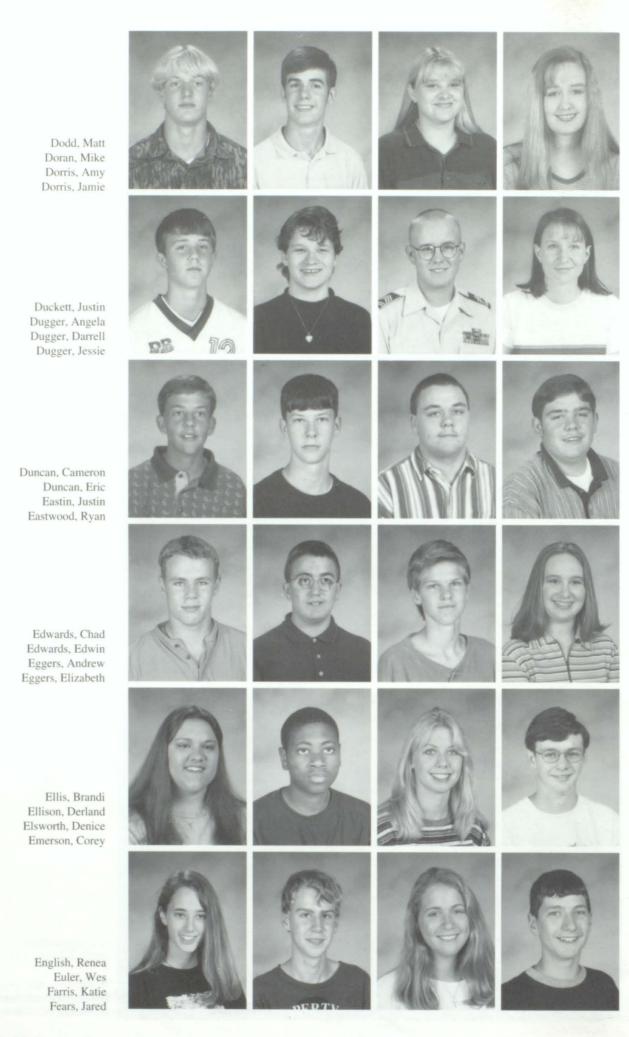




Diggs, Chris Dobbs, Amanda Dodd, David Dodd, Leeann



Sophs. Sarah Macey and Mike Doran make their paper-mache animals for art class.











Ferguson, Jerrad Fletcher, Stephani Fortenberry, Adam Foster, Holly

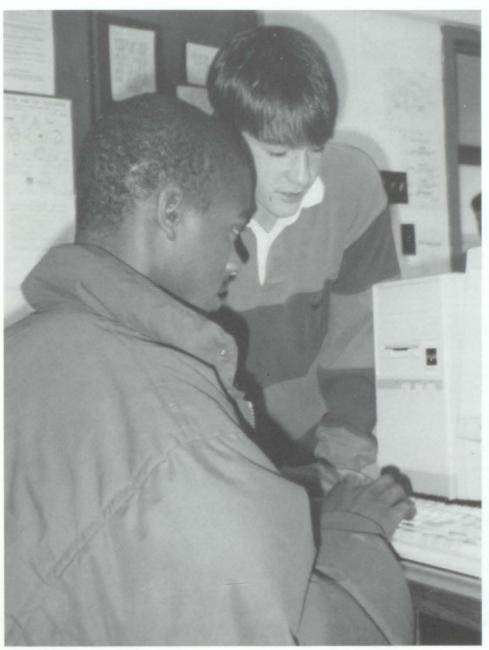








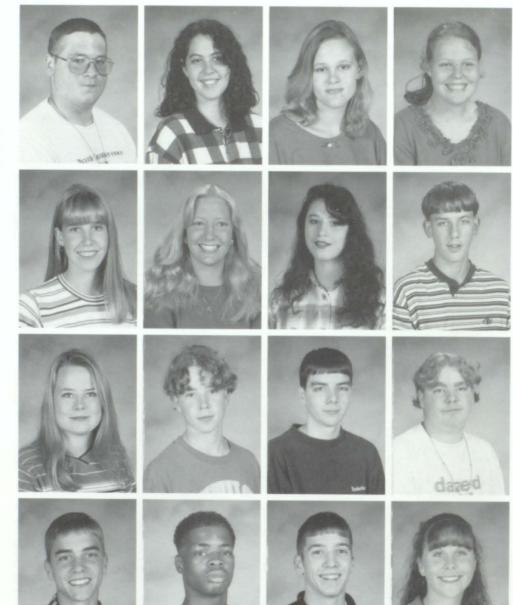
Fowler, Kim Fox, Catherine Funke, Adam Gann, Anna



Soph. Seth Merriman helps one of his fellow classmates with a problem on the computer.



Soph. Angela Christian and Mrs. Katie Cody browse through an art book for art class ideas.



Garb, Casey Garcia, Patricia Garrett, Christi Gehlbach, Patricia

Gieselmann, Gennie Gillem, Amanda Goodwin, Connie Graham, Thomas

Grandfield, Carmen Grandfield, Rocky Grayson, Brad Grayson, Jeremy

Greer, Ryan Griffin, Terence Griffith, Jake Griffith, Katie



Grimes, Jimmy Grobe, Chris Grobe, Shawn Gulley, Gina

Gum, Tracye Gurlen, Josh Halford, Jami Hall, Kristen

Hall, Tausha Hallum, Christina Hamilton, Corey Harget, Michael

Harris, Chareca Harrison, Amber Hart, Jeremy Harvey, Christopher

Hastings, Melissa Hayes, Mandy Hayes, John Hayes, Shanna

Healy, Paul Hendricks, Amy Henthorne, Christopher Hicks, Jeff







Hicks, Scott Highfill, Cory Hillis, Amanda Hillis, James









Hobbs, Lee Hobson, Stephanie Hoja, Ashley Holmes, Amanda









Hooker, Kenneth Hopkins, Amber Huddleston, Melissa Hudgens, Amber



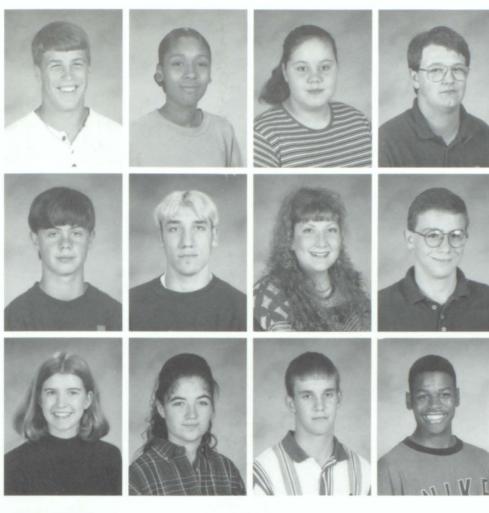
Sophs. Chris Reeves, Christy Tilley, and Jake Griffith and Jrs. Casey Kelly and Eric Hanes concentrate on finishing their drafting project on time.



In typical freshman style, Frosh. Jessica Lee asks Soph. Adam Funke for a ride home after school.

Jrs. Nichole Gillis and Chris Jenkins grab pizza to eat before Sophs. Becca Warner and Charity Justice eat it all.





Jarboe, Sarah Johnson, Andrea Johnson, Jonathan Johnson, Marcus

Huffman, Travis

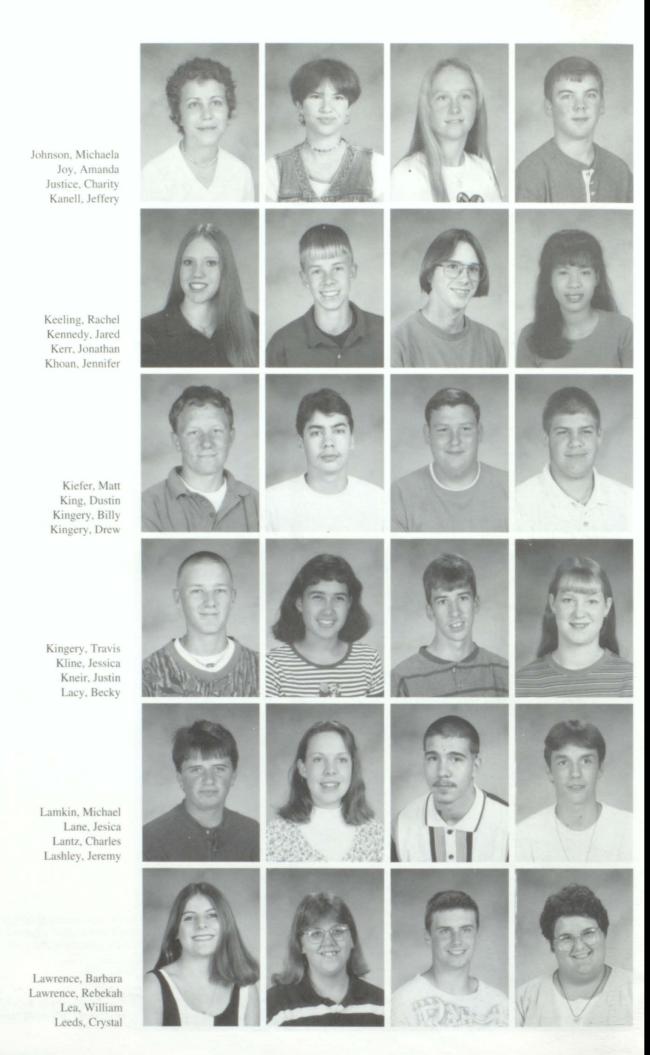
Hughes, Precious Hupp, Amber Huskey, Jimmy

Ice, Matt

Inman, Lance Ivy, Tabitha Jackman, Thomas



Soph. Ashley Hoja tests her endurance as she runs at a cross-country meet.



Sophomores/Rasheeda Jordan









Lewis, Jeffery Lewis, Kerry Lockbeam, Andrea Long, Sarah





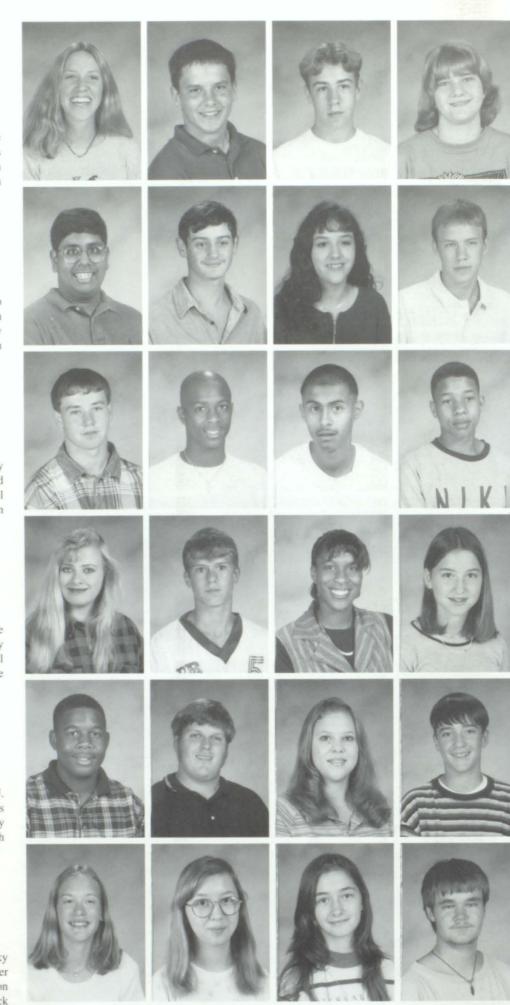




Longhibler, Jason Losh, Jared Love, Amy Lovelace, Andrea



Soph. Rebecca Bishop is pressured to finish her test before the bell rings.



Lucas, Connie Lumos, James Lynn, Keith Macey, Sarah

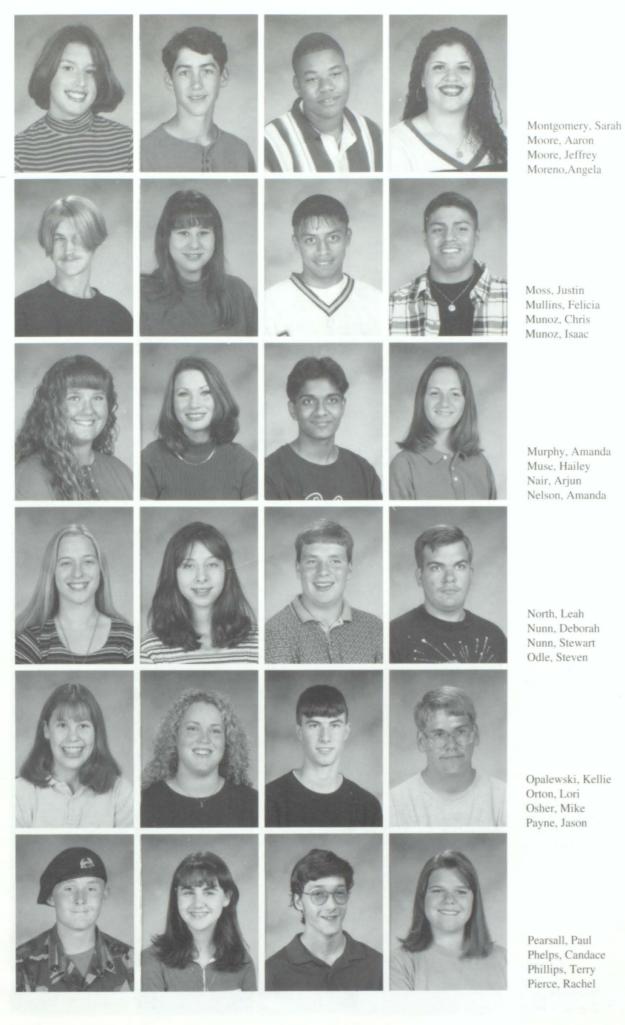
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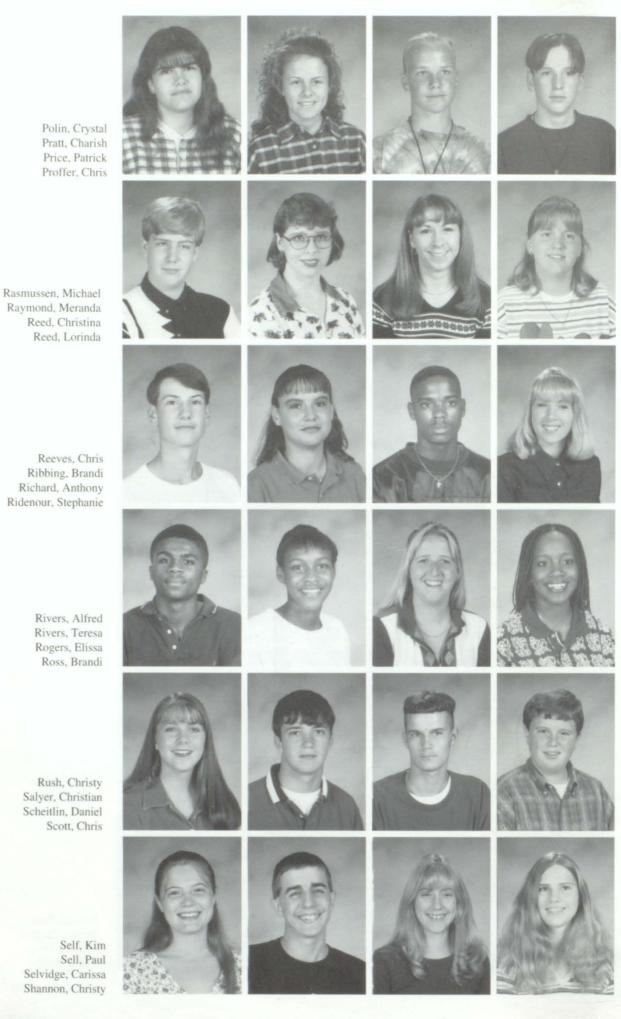
Malloy, Sammy Martin, Garland Martinez. Gabriel Matlock, Jason

Maulden, Jessie Maurer, Anthony McClure, Shanell McCormick, Michelle

McDonald, A.J. McGill, Travis McNew, Becky Merriman, Seth

Miles, Becky Mims, Amber Mims, Shannon Montgomery, Erick





Sophomores/RaSheeda Jordan









Shipman, Josh Simmons, Ginger Sitzes, Rebekah Smith, Lee Ann





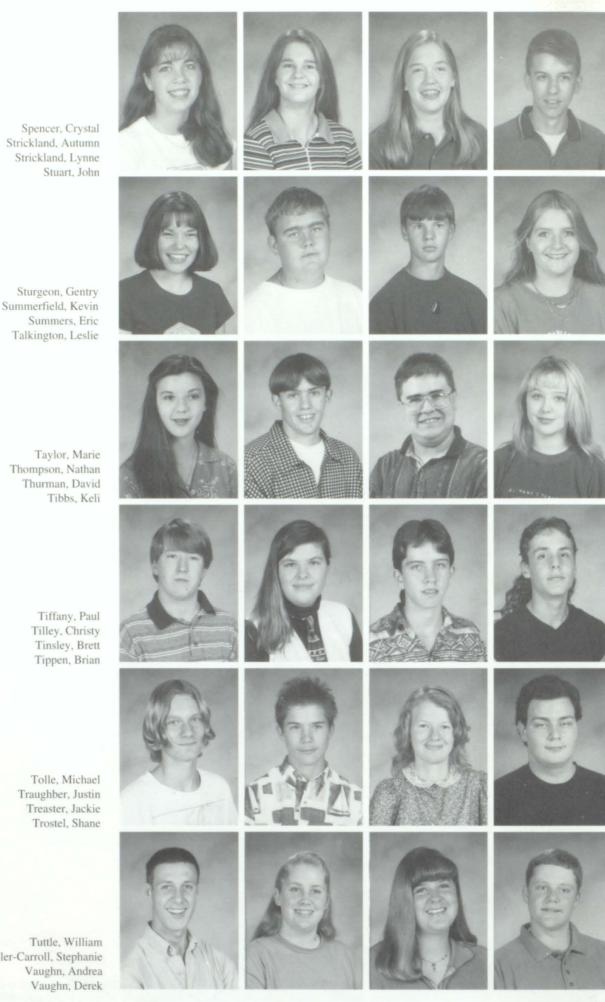




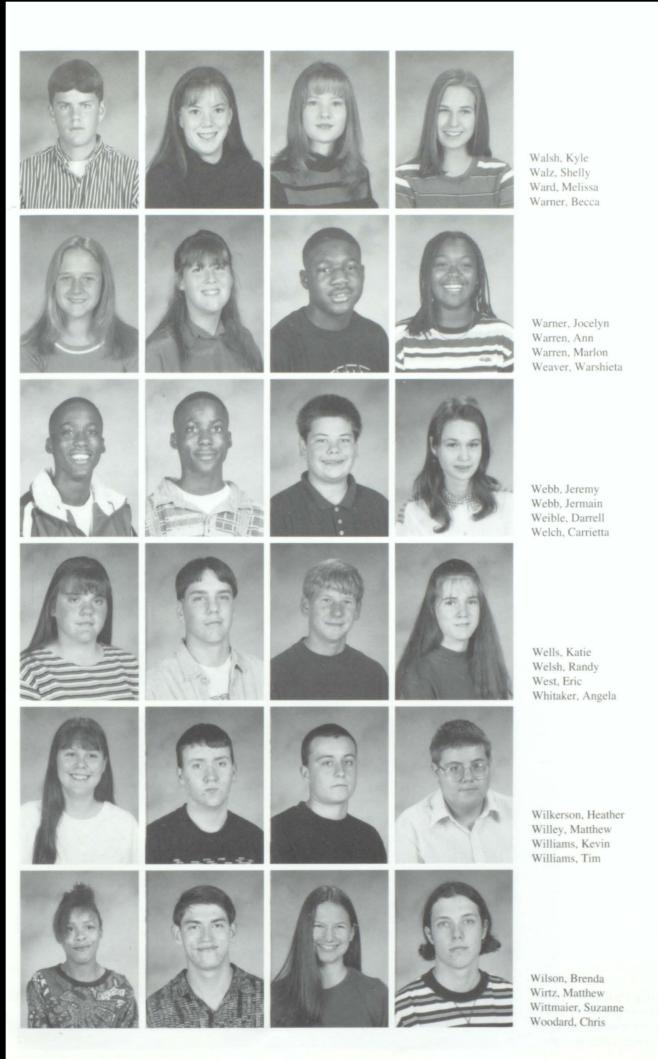
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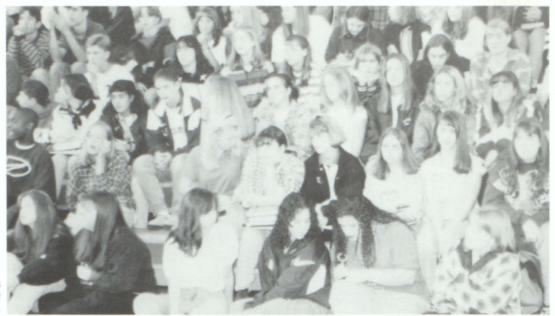


Sho-Me Band music is a welcome addition to pep assemblies.



Tuttle, William Tyler-Carroll, Stephanie





Students listen attentively to a speaker during one of the many PBHS assemblies.











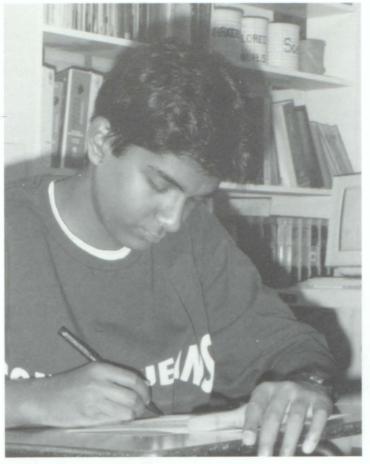


Wooten, Nicole Worley, Delania Wrinkle, Amber Wyatt, Emily





Jr. Lavita Higgs takes time out of class to help Sophs. Shanell McClure and Amber Harrison with a math problem.



Soph. Arjun Nair works diligently to complete his assignment before the bell rings.



Soph. Tausha Hall searches through her book as she works on her assignment



Soph. Swaroop Madduri eats some delicious pizza during his lunch period.



Frosh. Rachel Seaton longs for the day she'll have her own car to drive.





Freshmen Class of '00

The Freshmen class of 2000 is either the last class of the 20th century or the first class of a brand new century (scientists don't agree).

They entered high school with many doubts and much anxiety typical of freshmen. Finding "their place" was as important as finding their classes. Frosh. John Stucker said of his first day of high school, "Mommy wow, I'm a big kid now!"

Students were both influenced and intimidated by upperclassmen, who were quick to show them the ropes.

The officers they chose to lead the class made

their first year successful, while their friendships made it fun.

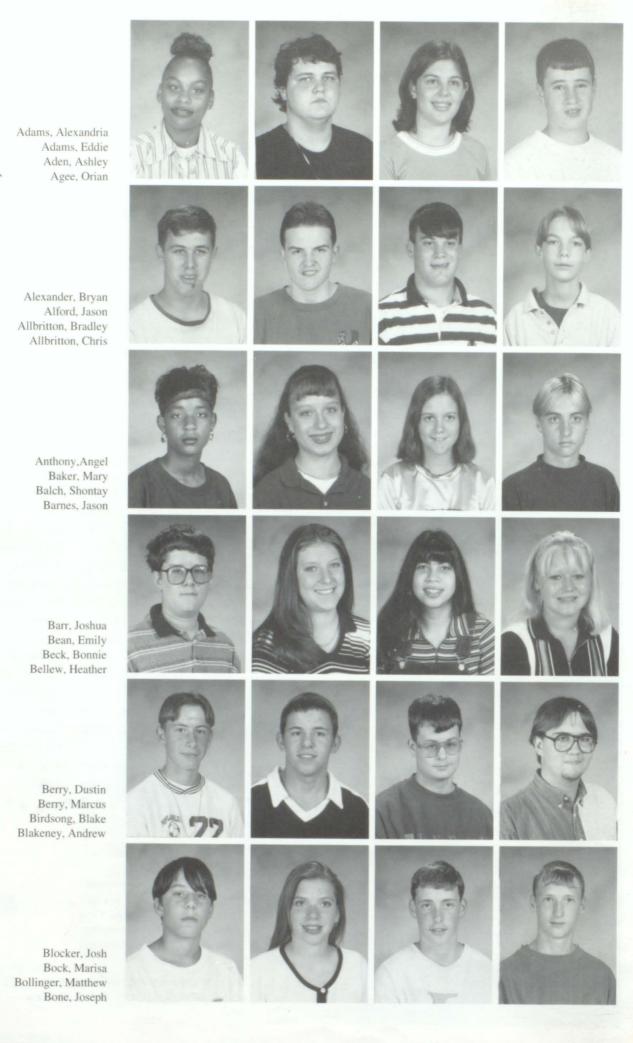
The school year ended quickly, but their high school memories were just beginning to take shape.

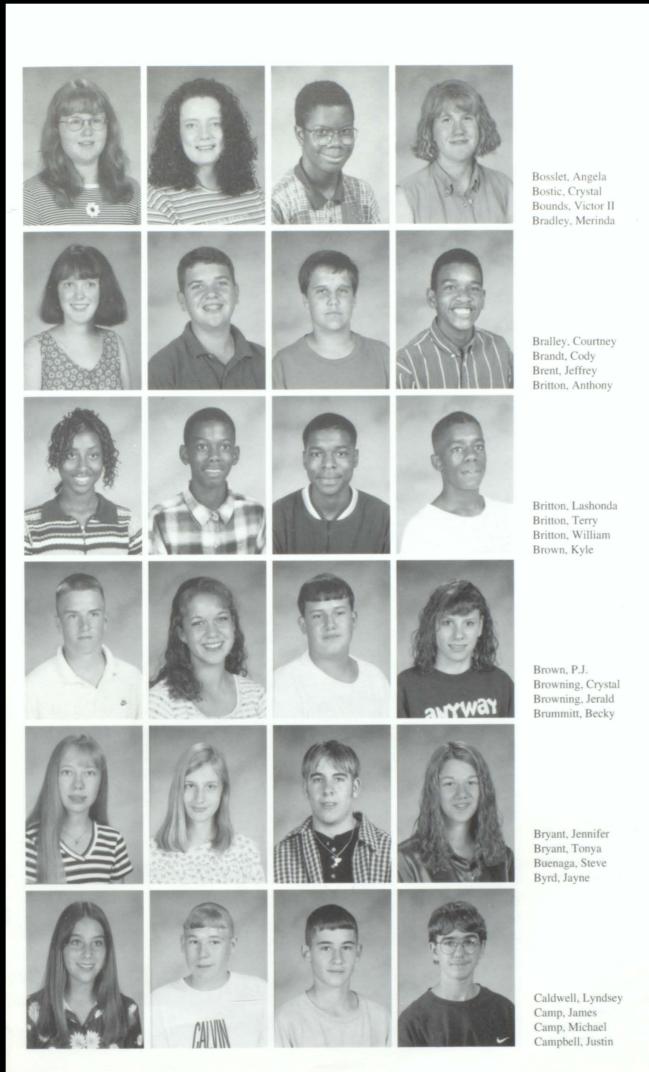
The freshmen dance was one of the highlights of the year. Frosh. Ashley Grable said, "Planning for the dance in the spring is one of the things I looked forward to."

Freshmen also looked forward to the next three years with the prospects of new friends, new activities, and new studies, but they will never forget their first eventful year at Poplar Bluff High School.

Freshmen class officers are President Megan Edington, Vice-President Crystal Browning, Treasurer Kristen Woolverton, and Secretary Ashley Aden.

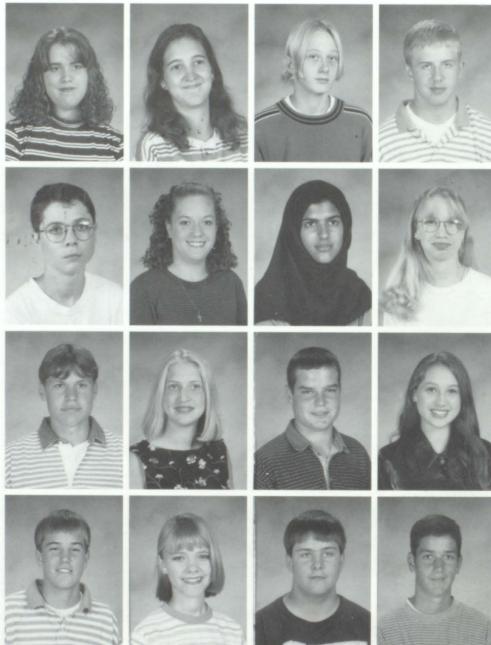
Frosh. Michael Weston works on proper breathing techniques during band.







Frosh. Vera Terhune "sounds off" the daily motto in JROTC class.



Carl, Amber Carter-Penz, Jamie Cassing, Shawn Cato, Mark

Chapin, Michael Choisser, Brooke Choudhary, Sahar Christian, Amber

Clark, Bradley Clark, Emily Clark, Joshua Cochran, Ashley

Colclasure, Dustin Coleman, Jessica Collins, Aaron Collins, Grant













Frankliln, Emma Frost, Dana Gainwell, Tamara Gavin, Erin

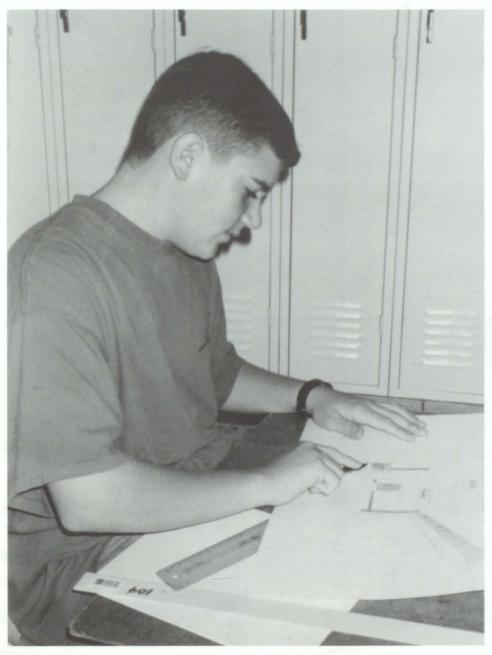








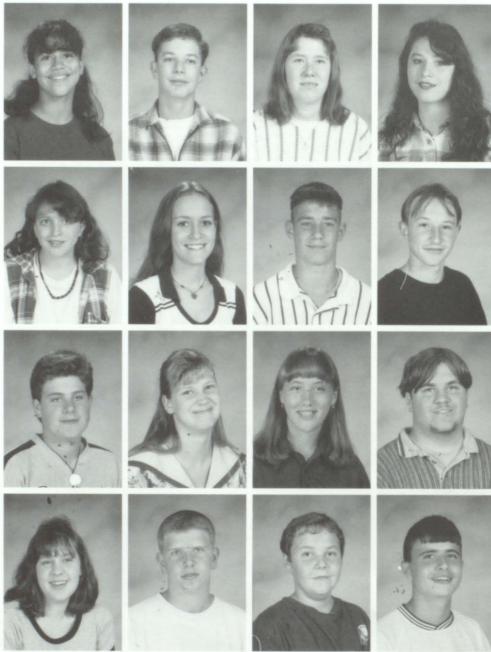
George, Rajeran Gibbs, Jenny Gieselmann, James Gilmore, Trey



Frosh. Cody Brandt completes his sketch of the hallway for his art class.



Freshmen get their first experience using the computers in the PBHS writing lab.

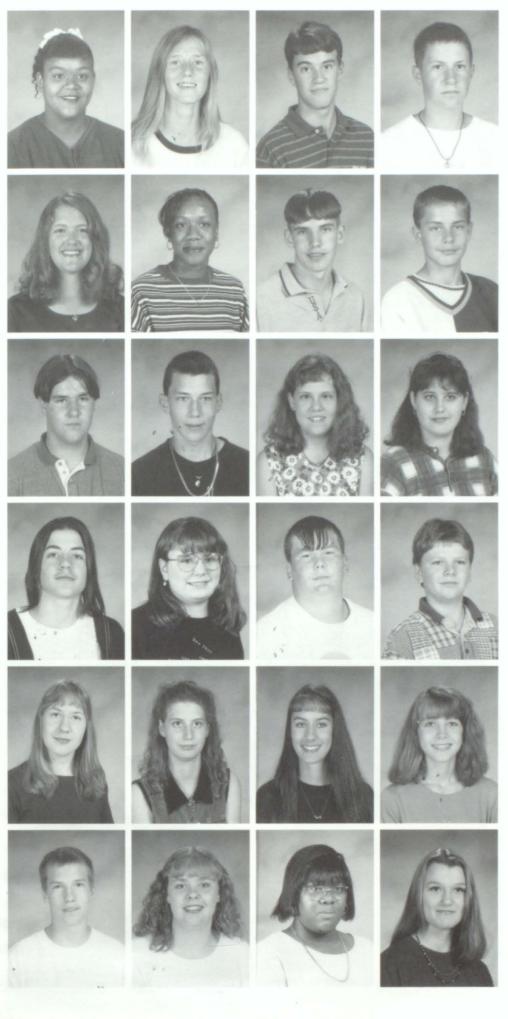


Gloria, Rominga Goins, Jesse Goodwin, Amanda Goodwin, Connie



Griffith, John Guffey, Sherry Gullett, Christine Gurlen, Jesse

Gurley, Michelle Gutterman, Chad Hall, Kevin Hampton, Ryan



Harden, Nicole Harget, Jeanette Harlan, Derek Harty, Cody Harvel, Nikki Hawes, Likicia Hayes, Matthew Hays, Jason Hazel, Samuel Helsel, Bryan Hensley, April Hicks, Chriscella Hicks, David Hicks, Kandin Hill, Curtis Hillis, Benjamin

Hillis, Natalie Hodges, Shannah Hogg, Andrea Hoja, Heather



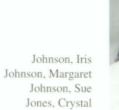
Hutchings, Kailee Hutson, Ryan Jennings, Jessica Johnson, Brent









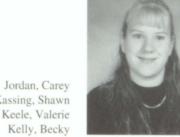


















Kassing, Shawn







Frosh. Kristen Duncan gets advice from her counselor, Mrs. Ann Kneibert.

For the first time, Frosh. Iris Johnson prepares to rapel down a 30-foot hill during JROTC.









Kendle, Michael Kilgore, Michael Killpack, Michael Kinworthy, Todd









Kline, Josh Kline, Westy Kneir, Amber Kneir, Derek









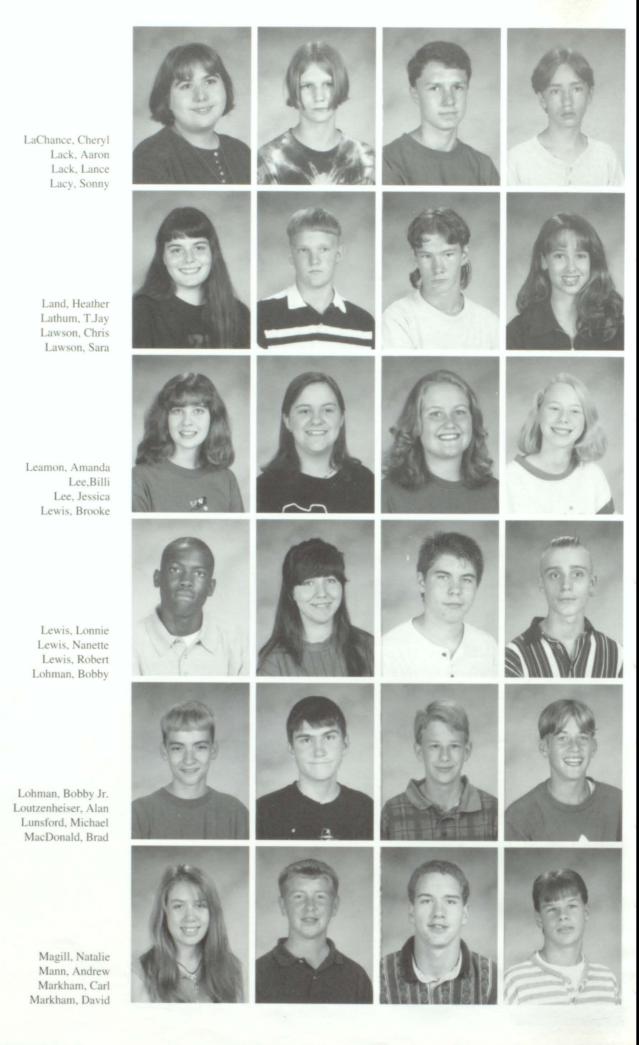
Knox, Lester Knudson, Johnathon Koonce, October Kurz, Stephanie

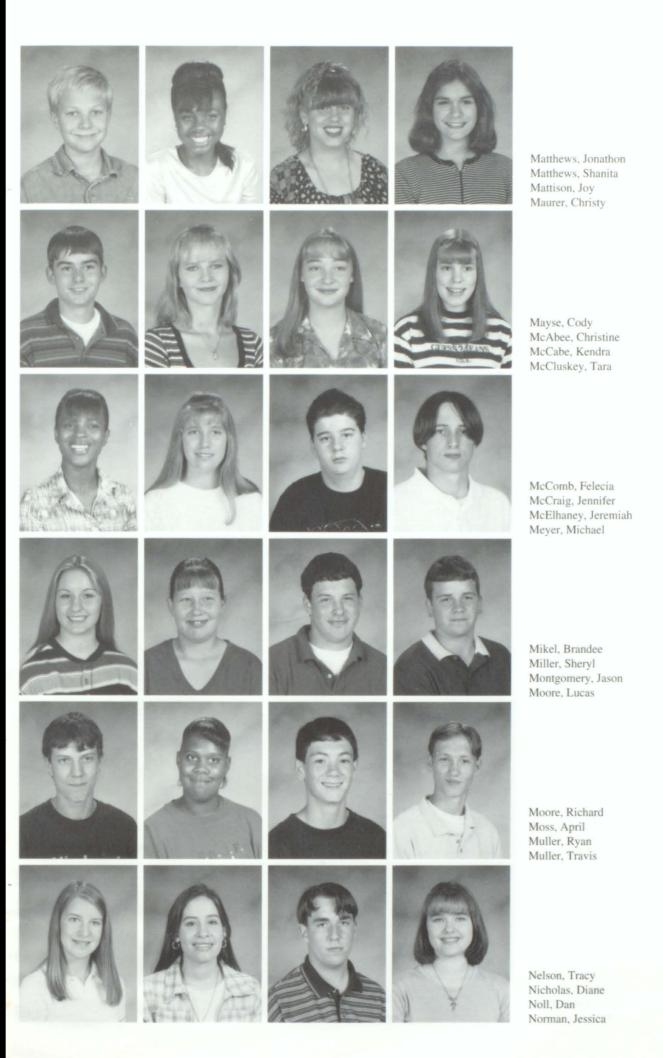


Freshmen enjoy the good weather as they wait outside the annex for the bell to ring.



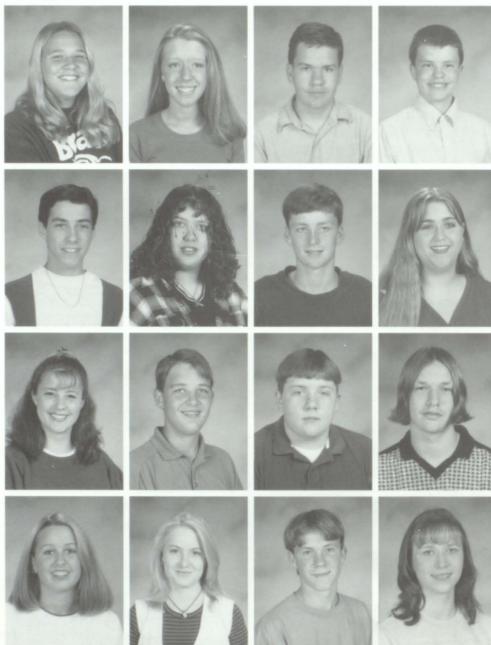
Frosh. Shanita Britton enjoys her tennis lesson in P.E.







Frosh. Christina Stewart dances the night away with her friends at the Football Homecoming Dance.



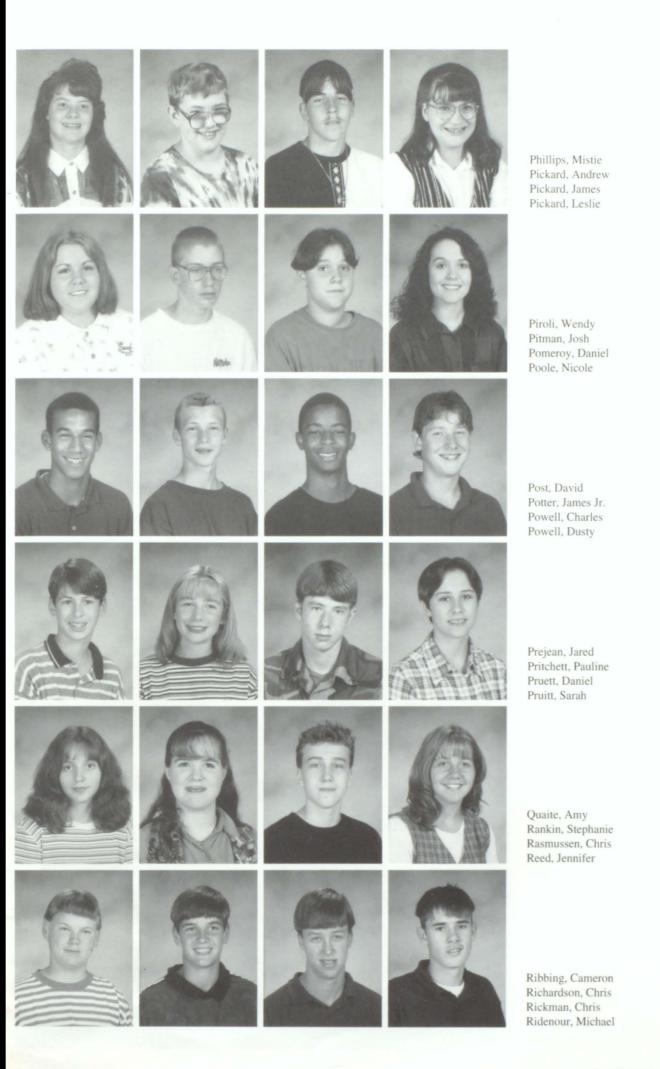
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Novak, Stephanie O'Connor, Kelly

O'Neal, James Orlando, Margaret Osgood, Jason Overton, Melissa

Palmer, Cheryl Parson, Lance Paynter, Chris Perkins, Andy

Persons, Stasha Peters, Stephanie Peterson, Josh Phelps, Jennifer













Spradling, Kevin Stafford, Cecil Starks, Jessica Stephens, Sandra









Stewart, Christina Stewart, Darwin Stout, Dawn Stovall, Alexandria



Freshman Shaun Cook gets promoted and ranked by senior Chris Wagganer.



Freshmen gather in the student center during their lunch period.

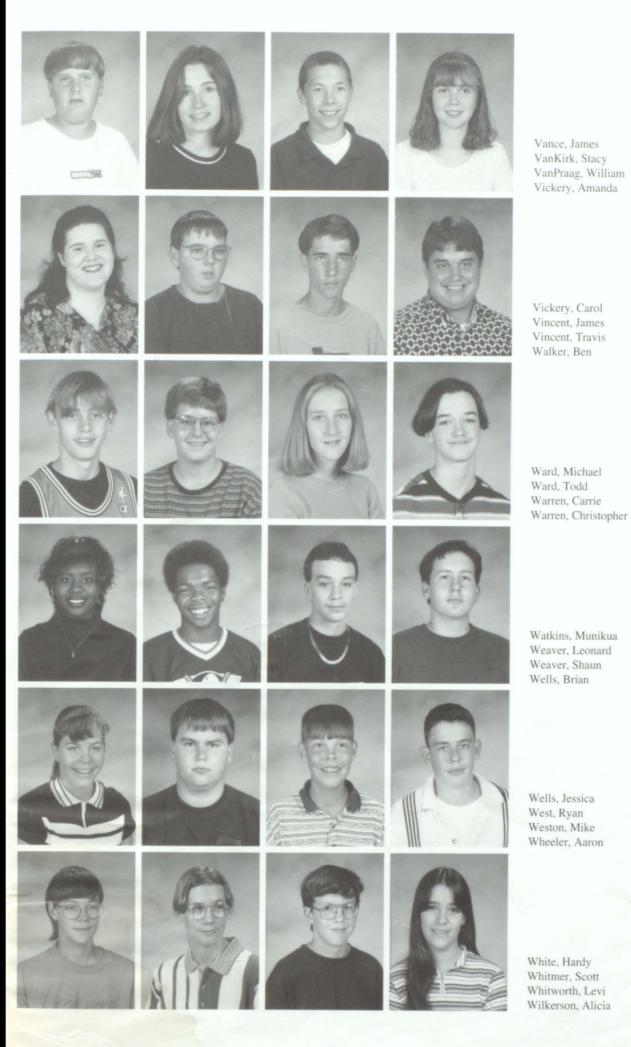


Stovall, Donna Stovall, Jason Stucker, John Sullivan, Christopher

Sutton, Sean Swiney, Shonna Taylor, Crystal Terhune, Vera

Thilman, Eric Thomas, John Thompson, Joe Thurman, Galen

Tinsley, James Trice, Garland Jr. Uhl, Joseph Urich, Dana



Williams, Don Winberry, Aaron Winters, Kyle Wisdom, Steve













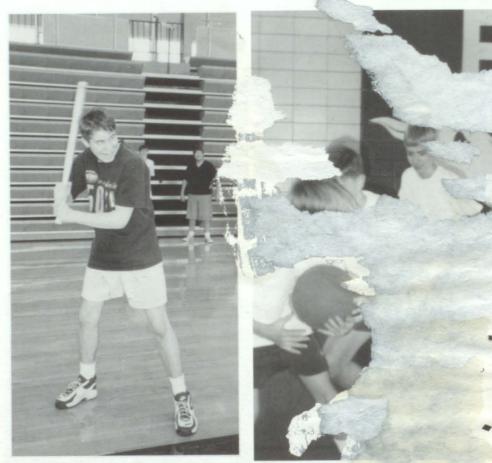


Wujaik, Elaine Wynn, Tammy Young, Daniel

Woolverton, Kristin



Young, Scott



Frosh. Bob Lewis anticipates a home-run during his PE class.

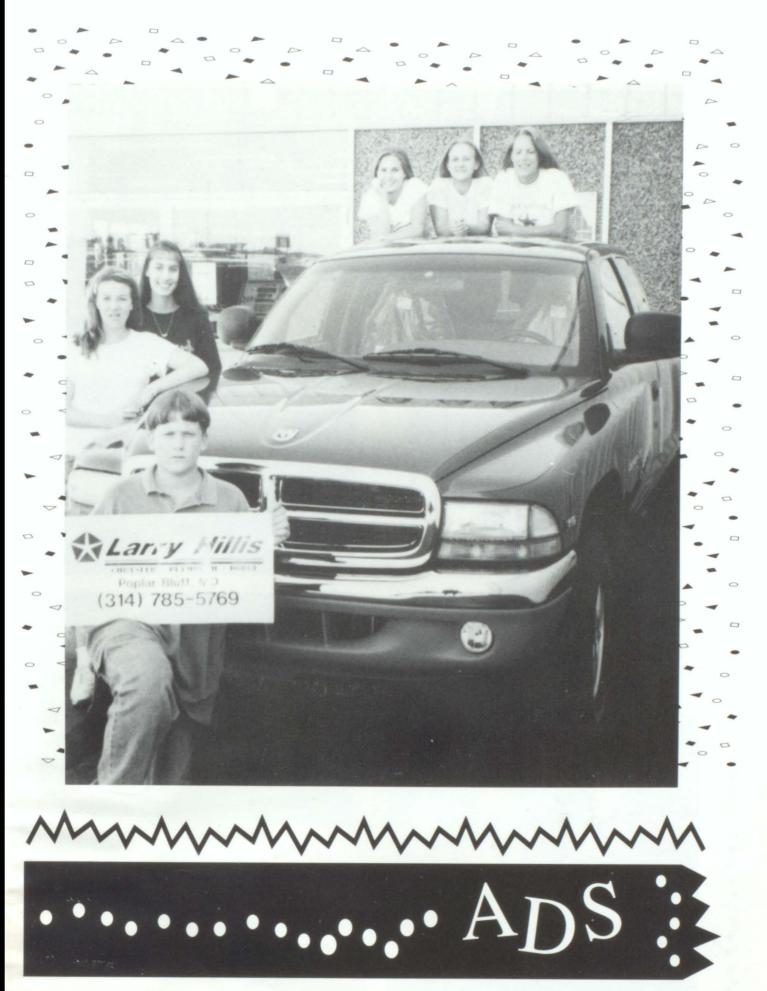
Freshmen bring intensity to their basketball playing during PE class.



Frosh.Stephanie Kurz intently studies her music during her band period.

Freshmen lounge in the student center as they wait for their class meeting to begin.





Shelley Gutterman, Ed. Sara Stacy, Business Mgr. Sarah Barton Ashley Dille Hollie Fowler

Jon LeGrand















Jon,

You have brought countless hours of joy and happiness into our lives, and our pride for you is surpassed only by our love. We wish you happiness and the best of everything.

> Love, Mom, Chris, and especially Dad

Marc Roth







Wishing You the Very Best in Life

Love Mom, Dad, and Amy

Helen Bumpus



You've always been a beautiful daughter! Love, Mom & Dad



Brandi Booker





Brandi,
You have grown into quite a nice
young lady. Your dad and I are very
proud of you. We wish you a
lifetime of love, happiness and
success.

Mom & Dad

Reggie Westerfield



Reginald,
Thanks for being such a
great son. We are very
proud of you.
Love
Dad & Mom





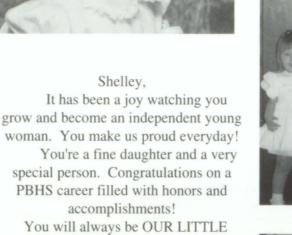


Shelley Lynn Gutterman





Shelley,



BUNNIE! Love, Mom, Dad, & Clay









Chad Rush





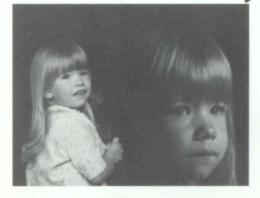


Chad,

Congratulations! The years have passed so quickly, but we have a lot of wonderful memories. Our love and support will always be with you as you start a new journey in life. Always remember how much we love you.

Mom, Dad, & Christy

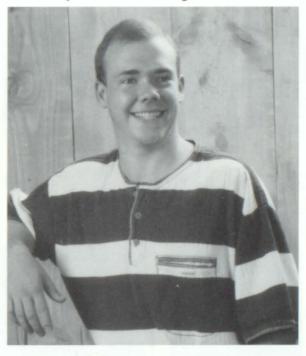
Rebecca McKnight





Good luck in the future! Love Mom, Dad, & family

Daul Gibbs



We Love You, Paul, Mom, Dad, Jenny, Glenn, & Grandma

Mindy Wilhoit





Mindy,
With every year that's passed before
I've grown more proud of you.
I used to think I couldn't love you more
Now, I Do!

When you were still a baby
I wished upon a star
You'd grow to be a fine and lovely lady
Now, You Are!

Love, Mom



Brian Browning





Brian - Although you wanted to choke me sometimes there will always be love between us!

I Love Ya - Jen

Phillip Smith





We're Proud of You Son! Love Mom & Dad

Crysten Dayne



Crysten,

You made it! Now it's onward and upward. God bless.

Dad, Mom, Carmen, Miranda, Andrew, and Courtney says, "Kiki's the coolest!"

Isaiah 40:31



Tonya Renee Huck







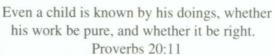
Tonya,

From the moment we met you, it was clear you were to be our special little girl! God has smiled on you and you have grown to be a very precious young lady. We are very proud of you and all you have accomplished and feel very honored to be your parents. Our prayer for you, is for you to live your life following God's laws and remembering the Golden Rule taught to us by our Lord Jesus. Do this and you will succeed in life. We love you so very much. God bless you,

Mom & Dad

Thomas William Mosely

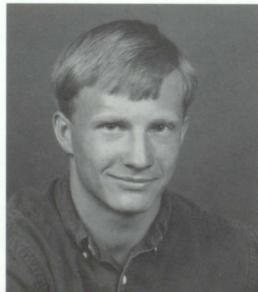




My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice. Yea, my heart shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things.

Proverbs 23:15, 16

Billy Mosely, YOU are a wonderful son.
We wouldn't have missed it for the world.
We are so very proud of you!
We Love You!
Mom, Scott, Eric, & Kimberly







....I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man can taketh from you. John 16:22

Our children are the greatest gifts our father has given us. God sent us these children with a special plan for each precious soul he placed on this earth. Even had we known how hard it would be to allow our children to grow into their own, we would not have asked for an easier plan.

All Our Love! Mom & Dad







Billy Mosely PBHS Soccer Senior 1997 08/29/78



Kimberly Mosely PBHS Volleyball Senior 1994 12/05/74-08/28/94



Eric Lundstrom PB OSL Senior 2007 01/09/89

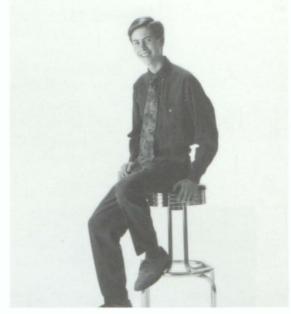
Alcohol Separates Families

Love Life & Each Other

Think: Don't Drink and Drive, Use Drugs or Ride with Those Who Do!

Gregory Austin Lyons





Continue to put God first in your life and everything else will fall into place.

You are a real blessing to us!

We love you,

Mom & Dad

Bryan Crites

Congratulations!
We are proud of the young man you have become.
We'll always be here for you.
With all our love,
Mom, Dad, & David







Jeremy Robert Daul Ellis



We are very proud of you! Love You, Dad, Mom, & Brandi



Nathan Mitchell

Congratulations! Mom, Dad, Chris, Aaron, Heather, Byron, & Grandma

Jennifer Jones



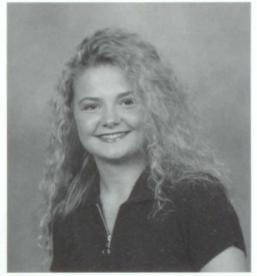




You have come a long way.

Over the years

you have brought
great joy and love to our lives.



May there be no happiness you can't achieve and no dreams you can't fulfill. Love Mom, Dad, Jason, & Josh







Sara Elizabeth Stacy







Sara,
God blessed us with a wonderful daughter and a beautiful person.
We are so proud of your abilities, your self-knowledge, and your values.
As you continue to grow and reach for your dreams, remember how much we love you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Matt

(Ephesians 3:16-19)









He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it. -Philippians 1:6

Sarah Seaton



We are proud of you! Love, Dad, Mom, & Rachel





Chris Dodd



But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint. - Isaiah 40:31

Love Mom, Dad, & Matt





Dannielle Dauline McDowell



Dannielle,

I knew early you'd be smart... you'd give your all in everything you do. You are original and you'll go far and I'll be right behind you no matter where you are.







I am very proud of you, you're the greatest daughter a mother could have. You'll always be my baby.

Love,

Mom

Stacy Elaine Black









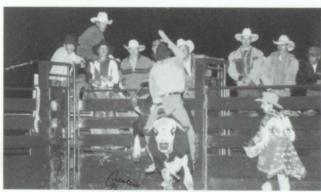


Stacy - From the moment I saw you I knew you'd be special. You have always been and will continue to be my heart, soul, and breath. Love you always - Mom

Joe Patterson







Mama let her baby grow up to be a cowboy! Love, Mom

Amanda Dratt

Congratulations BANJO!







Freshman Banjo



Senior Banjo We're Proud of You!

Kara Lynn Kearbey











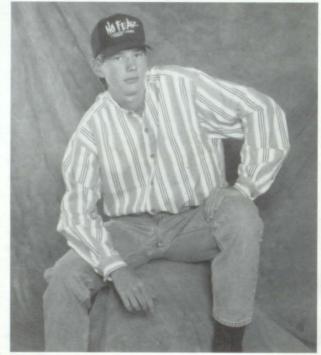
Kara.

As we remember our little girl that was, we are so very proud of the woman she is becoming. We wish for you, Kara, the best that life has to offer.

Love, Mom & Dad

Patrick Lee Cooksey





Congratulations! We love you very much, Mom, Dad, William, & Christopher

Stacy Jeanne Henry













We watched you in the sunshine as you played. We were there for the first word you did say. You are our joy, our pride, our precious little girl. Now it's time to let you soar and take your stance in the world.



Always keep Psalm 91 hidden in your heart.

Love Always,

Mother & Dad

Shawn Lee







Shawn,
It seems like only yesterday we took you to school for the first time, so excited and ready to learn.
As you begin a new phase of your life, remember that all your dreams are possible with hard work, dedication, and most of all your faith in God.

We are very proud of the wonderful young man you have become.

We love you,

Mom, Dad, & Patrick



Amy Surber



Your accomplishments have exceeded all our expectations. We're so proud of the fine young lady you have become.

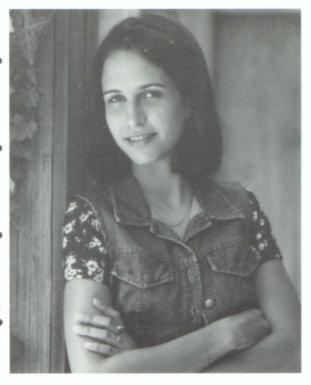




We love you!

Mom, Dad, & Jenny

Roxanne Chantell Datrick







May your life's goals always prove challenging, attainable and truly rewarding

Love,

Momma & Papa



Kim Capps





We are very proud of you. We thank God for the joy and happiness you give to us.

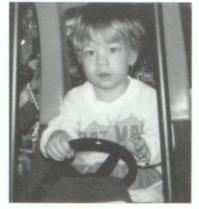
Keep your faith and trust in God and He will always be with you.

We love you.

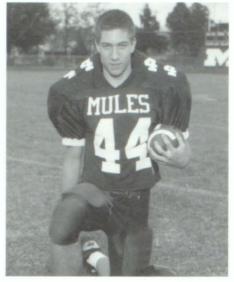
Mom & Dad

Philippians 4:13 Proverbs 3:6

Matthew "Moose" Monehan







May your life be full of many successful touchdowns. Love. Pam & James



We are proud of the young man you have become and will always be here with love and support for every goal in your life. Love. Mom& Dad

Kristy Gail Wyatt











Congratulations Bird!

We thank God for the opportunity of watching you grow into such a beautiful young woman. You have always made us proud to be your parents.

Remember to always keep your faith in God and through Him all things are possible.

Love always,

Dad, Mom, & Chad

Stephanie & Naomi Sharp





God answered our prayer by giving us twin daughters. You were a double blessing when you were born... ... and you still are!

WE LOVE YOU! Mom & Dad

James 1:17











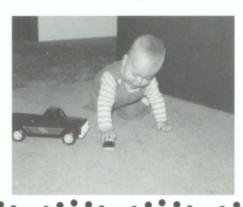
Justin Darnell



From our Little Hot Rod Driver, to our Mustang Hot Rod Driver, we have been very proud of you. As you cruise through life just remember that with God all things are possible.

We love you, Dad, Mom, & Rebecca





April Rone





We are so proud of you, and the accomplishments you have made.

You have exceeded all our expectations.

Wherever the future takes you, we know you will succeed.

Remember we are always here for you!

All our love,

Dad, Mom, & Wesley

Stephanie Cochran







Stephanie,
Keep Jesus as your best
friend and there is nothing
you can't do!
Love,
Mom, Dad, &
Big Brother Jody

April Birdsong





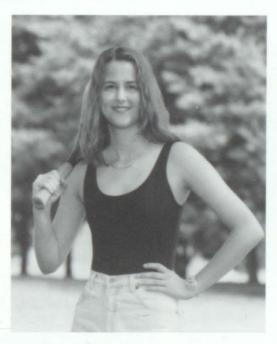


Hold fast to dreams
For if they go,
Life is a barren field,
Frozen with snow.



Hold fast to dreams
For if they die,
Life is a broken-winged bird,
That cannot fly.
-Langston Hughes







Mike Roach

Mike,

We are proud of your accomplishments, but more of your character, determination and faith. Keep love in your heart, hope in your dreams and God as your guide.

> Love, Mom, Dad, & Derek

Proverbs 3:5-6









Amy Elizabeth Dancer









woman you have become. You have given us years of joy and happiness, and your accomplishments make us very proud. We hope and pray that you learn to overcome all of life's "cattle guards" and continue to strive for success. Keep your eyes on Christ and your heart full of love.

We love you Mimi!

Mom, Dad, Michael, & Trevor

Bri Anne Merriman

BriAnne,
We are so proud of the beautiful young woman you have become. We know wonderful things are in store for you!
Fly high Goonie Bird!
we love you,
Mom & Dad
Proverbs 3:5-6

BriAnne, #1 GStr8 Fan,
Remember, Life's a Dance
You Learn as You Go. I admire
you. When I grow up I want to be
just like you. I swear, as long as I
live, you'll be my hero.
#1 JMM Fan,
Love- Aunt Kyss, Brock, & Lori



Who would've thought this shy little girl would become the pretty, sweet, morally upright, lovable, intelligent, focused, WONDERFUL young lady that she is today?! AND....who would've believed a little flower girl who couldn't find her way down the correct aisle at our wedding would find her way to the top of her class!!!! BriAnne, we are so very proud of the person you have become. YOU MAKE OUR FAMILY PROUD!!

We love you!

Aunt Kiki and Uncle Fred
B, I'm sad you're moving away to
college. I think you should be a pet
doctor - I love you. Katie
B, Love you too. Kiss, Hug. Jon-Jon







Brooke Leigh Young

Brooklet,

For all you are, for all we know you will be. We have always been and always will be proud of you.

Dad, Mom, Damon, Susan, & John







David Gayle Kingery

We love you and adore you...
Then and Now!!!





Kristy Wacker



Whatever life brings to you, we wish you health and happiness in the road you choose. You have been a joy to us all of your life.

Mom, Dad, Amy, & Jeffrey









Josh Sparkman

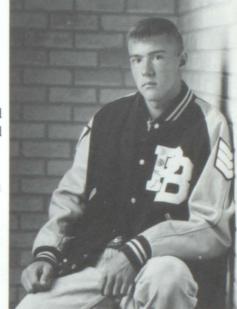






You were never the fastest man on the track field, or the highest scorer on the basketball team. You were not the best soccer player or cross country man in Poplar Bluff's history; but you made every practice, you never slacked off, and you never showed a bad attitude. Even when you did not get the playing time you earned and deserved, even when some lost confidence in you... you never gave up hope. You truly cared about your teammates and coaches. You always played with love and the heart of a champion, because you are a champion.









Heather Lynn Shirrell







Heather,
You are the light of our lives and have passed all our expectations.

Just remember to hold on to your roots.

Congratulations!

Love,

Mom & Dad









Joey Wilchek

Everyone has three people inside of them.

The first-How other people see you.

The second-How you see yourself.

The third and most important!- What you really are.

Without any doubt, what you really are stems from our heavenly Father to fulfill your dreams.

NEVER give up!

You have made me very proud and happy. My love is always with you. Keven loves you too and wants nothing but the best for you.

Love forever, Mom & Keven







Donna Elizabeth Degaris

To our special daughter, Liz, your lullaby has come true.
"My little girl is pretty and sweet.

She will bring joy to all that she meets, and in this day, when we all need bliss, she will bring laughter,



my sweet little miss."
We thank God for you in our lives,
Mom, Dad,
and all of your family





From a sweet little girl to a beautiful and talented young lady. We are so proud of you.

May all your dreams be realized.

We will always love you,

Mom, Dad, and Aaron



Amber Nicole Wheeler

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Susan Beth Minner

You are our little gift from God. Always keep Jesus #1 in your life. Love, Mom, Dad, and Denny Phil. 4:13









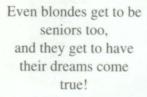


Heather Nicole Rowc



Christopher Anderson

Congratulations! I'm very proud of you. Love, Mom



Love, Mom, Dad, and Sis



Kelly Mc Dowell







Kelly now

Who loves you baby?

Shawn Del Daggett

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Thanks for all the years of special moments and good memories that we've shared. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. Keep up your determination for always wanting and having the best. We know you can achieve anything you put your mind to. You will always have our love and support.

Mom, Dad, and Jennifer









Clarissa Maurer



I loved teaching you things
when you were a little girl...
Seeing your reactions to the world,
listening to your fresh, new outlooks,
and sharing in things that were
important to you
taught me a lot about
responsibilities and joys
of being a parent...
And watching you turn out to be
the wonderful young woman you are
has reinforced something I've known

all along. . .
you're a very special daughter,
and one of my very best friends!!!

Love, Mom

P.S. Clarissa, you are a wonderful sister! We love you, Nathan, Anthony, and Christy



Nicole Loftis Dickey



A woman's life is her own until it is taken away by a first particular cry.
Then she is not alone but a part of the premises of everything there is.
A branch, a tide . . . a war. when we belong to the world we become what we are.

Anne Stevenson

We love you! Mom, Dad, and Devin

Tiffany Inez Keen



The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make His face shine upon you,

And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,

And give you peace.

Numbers 6: 24-26

Troop #238



To the graduating seniors from troop #238: Amy Dancer, Susan Graham, Tara Milligan, and Melissa Sullivan.

Thanks for the memories. We've enjoyed being your leaders and watching you grow into such lovely ladies. You're next, Mandy!

Karen Milligan and Debi Dancer

Cassandra Marie Birch















We have always been so proud of you and always will be.

Congratulations!

Love,

Mom and Dad

David Thomas



You have brought much joy, love, and laughter to our family.

We are very proud of you.

Love,

Dad, Mom, and Christy



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Jaclyn Olmstead



As we have watched you grow from a precious child to a beautiful young woman, you have filled our hearts with abundant pride and overflowing love. Your accomplishments in school have been wonderful, but your growth as a person exceeds even those. We look forward to your future with eager anticipation, and great faith in you.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Jared

Tony Welsh





God has allowed us to see you grow from a child to a man.

Now reach out for whatever He has in store for the rest of your life.

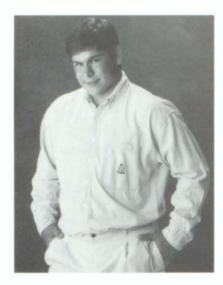
We love you,

Mom and Dad

Robert Lee Clark







You are the joy of our lives. We are so very proud of you. We look forward to watching you grow with each and every day of the future. Please remember the best is still to come.

We love you very much,

Mom, Dad, Joey, Michelle, and Family



Amanda Beard

Through the years we've watched you grow from a promising toddler into a successful young woman.

Remember that we're proud of you and we love you very much.

Best of luck in all you do,

Mom, John T., and Stephanie







Christian Nephi Beck

Congratulations!
We are very proud
of you both.
Good Luck!
Love,
Dad and Mom



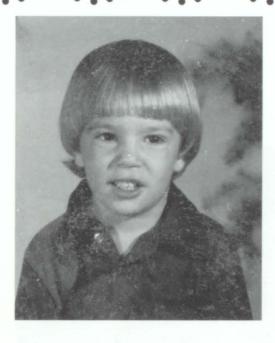
A great guy growing better.

Love,

Mom and Dad







Michael Wayne Hon





Rachael Elizabeth Turpin

















We are proud of you!
"The Fam"

Scott Alan Davis





Will your life be successful?
Well, that depends on whose yardstick you measure it with.
You have a family that loves you and always supports your needs.
You have a sharp mind and will figure out the real meaning of success. The more you live and learn, the less you care about the yardstick.
We love you bunches,
Mom, Dad, and Ashley



Jessica Martin



Richard Martin II

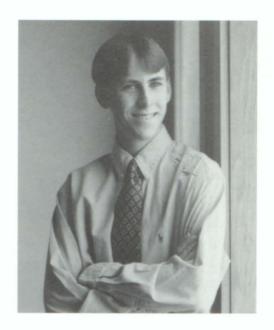
Richie and Jessi, We are very proud of you! We love you, Mom and Dad





Russell Cross





Although the years have too quickly passed, we know you are prepared to meet the future. We wish for you the very best in life and all the joy you have brought to us. If any young gentleman deserves the best, you do!

Love,

Mom and Dad



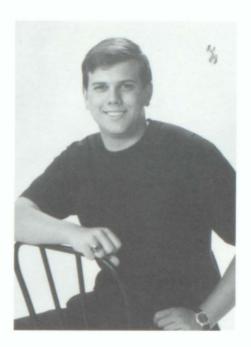




James \mathcal{E} . Stevens



From the first time you
"popped" your head out from
the covers, you have been a
source of pride for your
accomplishments
in school, scouts,
community and church.
Set your goals high and work
toward them. Remember from
where you came.
Continue to make us proud.
Always remember
our love for you,
Mom, Dad, and Julie
Phil. 4: 8-9



James Thurman



We are all proud of you and wish you luck as you make your way to the top.

Remember, let nothing stand in the way of your dreams, and keep that pencil moving.

Love, Mom, Wayne, Dylan, David, Grandpa, and Grandma







James and John Harris







It's hard to believe that eighteen years have passed.

Life goes by very quickly.

We had no idea of the joy we would be given when we brought the two of you home from the hospital.

As you stand at the crossroads of your life, take time to assess all the possibilities that are open to you. Decide what you want in life and go after it with the tenacity of a bulldog. Persistence and determination are the keys to success.

God made each of us unique and gave us different abilities.

What you do with them is up to you. That is an awesome responsibility in itself.

Don't let anyone steal your dreams and continue to always stand up for the things that you believe in.

Remember the two most important things in life are God and family.

But you already knew that.

We're very proud of the young men you have grown into.

Love,

Mom and Dad









Susan Graham

We are very proud of you.

We know you can go higher than the sky.

Reach for the stars!

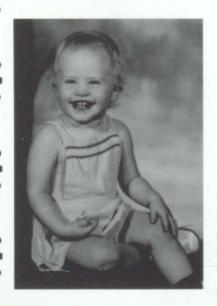
Love,

Mom, Dad, and Keith





Tara Gayle Sisk







We are so proud of you.

Best of luck in the future.

We hope all of your dreams come true.

Love,

Mom, Dad, and Dawsey

Kayode Winters



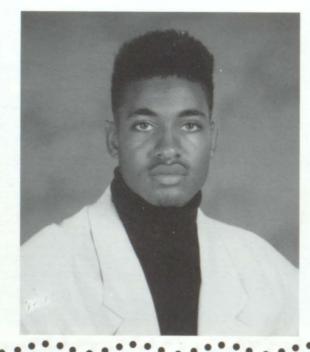




I have always known you were
a special gift from God. and
I have loved every moment
being your grandmother.
I have no doubt you will reach your
goals and have a happy and
successful life,
so long as you remember our first goal.
Always keep Jesus Christ in your life,
and you can then reach for the moon
and land among the stars.
Love,

Mom





Jerry "Bug" King







This time in your life is as special to me as it is to you.

The day you were born, this cycle of life briefly passed through my mind with celebrated promise. That with your hard work and my guidance we would greet this day with assurance and happiness.

Your family stands proudly behind you.

Congratulations Jerry!

Love

Mother, Dustin, Brandy, and Bonnie P.S. Congratulations from Grandma and Grandpa



Congratulations on the past 4 years.

I hope they have been great.
Thanks for all of the wonderful memories we have and I hope we have more to share.
The past year and a half has been the best and most wonderful time of my life.
Good luck with everything you do!
I love you always,
Heather

Steven Armiger



You have turned out a great young man.

We are very proud of you.

We love you very much.

Mom and Dad

Josh Taylor





Congratulations, Josh.
We always knew you would hang in there.
Love always,
Mom, Dad, Travis, and Bree

Sarah Michelle Dickens







For seventeen years you have been an honor to your family, and an asset to your community.

You've been a dancer, skater, hospital volunteer, barrel racer, musician, loyal friend, comedian, trustworthy daughter, and a wonderful person.

Your family and friends are proud to know you.







Miranda Cravens







Miranda,

We will treasure always in our hearts all the precious memories you have given us growing up from our little "ladybug" to a beautiful unique young lady.

You have brought much joy, love, and happiness to our family. The years have gone by too fast, but remember we will always be here



with our love and support for you all throughout life.

Congratulations on all you have accomplished and may your future be filled with success and happiness.

Our love always, Mom, Dad, and Lance

Melanie Rochelle Gregg



Melanie.

You have brought so much joy to our lives! We know with your bubbly personality, confidence, and ambition you will succeed in whatever you choose to do in the future. We love you!

Mom, Dad, and Brad





Allen Elsworth



You will always be special to us. You have the ability to do and be anything you want. Use your brain, think before you act, and put your trust in God. Remember, Dad and Mom will always love you.

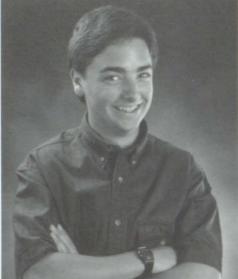


David Zauss





We're All Proud of You



Graduating "Again"









Steven Hewlett



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord," plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jer. 29:11

> Steven, Always keep heaven as your goal. We love You, Mom & Glenn

Bri Anne Merriman

BriAnne,

We love you and are very proud of you. God bless you as you endeavor to reach the goals you have set for yourself. Love,

Grandpa & Grandma Whitfield





Kristi Law Brandy Keele Sarah Dicke





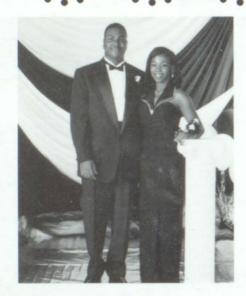


Good Friends - Good Times

Deace Love



Rock 'N Roll



Frederick,

Would you believe me if I told you that I've loved you ever since the third grade? Of course not. Who would have ever imagined that our non-existent relationship in the third grade would turn into crushes in the sixth grade? Thank you for always being there for me, no matter what the situation. I love you with all of my heart and I always will.

Love always, Stacy One of us is leaving, but we'll always have our friendship and the memories:
Youth Camp, Holiday Inn Express,
Sockjuice, Clawmarks, big Ens,
Serial Garage Door Openers, Watergun Wars, 2 Hot Bunnies, Ag Expo Pageant,
Tornado Nights, Driver's Test Flunkees,
SKS-FT, growth spurts w/hunger pains,
showed in Monopoly w/the boys,
psychocat, "DEGREES!," \$5 bell bottoms
"be sure to make eye contact," Sarah's
P.E.R.F.E.C.T. man and many more.
Thanks for the memories,
Sarah (Stilts) & Kate (K-T Bug)





Rachael Ann (Charlie Brown)



Heather Nicole (Hedu)



Amanda Lee (Fro Jo)





It has been a great 4 yrs. gals. We've had so many fabulous memories. Jumping off Roxy and busting our behinds, the fun spots on the weekends. Late nights at Heather's, Amanda's fun in the mud. Heather and Rachael's last days of school, stuffing people in Rachael's trunk. From running over stop signs to knocking off car mirrors. CURB CHECK! Trying to drive Heather's truck. We've been through it all together! Look-out college, here we come!

P.S. Blondes have more fun!



Thanks for all our memories together. From the time between B & C building, prom, Jimi's house and many more. You know I've liked you since our freshman year, now we're seniors and I love you. Thanks for everything you've done for me.

I will love you always,
Heather Rowe

The Three Stooges



Brooke, Cree, and James-long live the N.R.S., Viva Columbia, Boot to the Head, and a Movie.

Great Friends Forever.





Steph - Hey! I know we've had tough times, but we are still the best of friends. Good luck in the future! Love always - Brandi

Suzy Beth, Nomi, Stephie, & Jake









Here is where the road divides. Here is where we realize the sculpture of the Father's great design. Time has been a friend to me, but time is now the enemy. I wish we didn't have to say goodbye. But I know the road He chose for me is not the road he chose for you, so as we chase the dreams we're after, PRAY FOR ME.

Proverbs 18:24

April,
Thank you for all that you have brought to my life the past two years.
Hold on to your dreams, your day to shine will come. I want you to know that you are always in my thoughts and will always be close to my heart.
Love always,
Anthony



Anthony,
During the past two years you have been my best friend, my confidant, my counselor, and much more.
We've shared so many special times together and I want you to know that I will cherish them always. Thank you for two years of wonderful memories.

Love always,















From our wild nights, car trouble, wrecks, and many stops at Quik Trip, we've had some fun. Especially not being able to drive. All our guy troubles. All of us finding love in the right or wrong place. Through everything we've remained Friends. Look out PBHS. We're the seniors now.

Em, Pickle, Red, Sugar-Hill, Z, H-Dogg, Chon-Chon, Ferg













Looney Tunes









I'm a weed! Our family tree; Hey Sis'; Mouse; FRED: come back! "Of course I had fun-don't I always?" "Of course not- I never lie." We need a bigger lunch table. Everybody follows us everywhere!?! It's Green! M&M game. PROM; Pantyhose Queens; Flour; Roy-Boy; Camel; Tiffy-Poo; Red or White Boat.

We've had so much fun... gonna have so much fun.

We're SENIORS now!!







Forever Friends















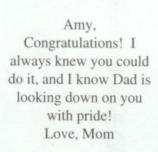
Over the years we have all become great friends. We have shared the good times and bad, but together we have finally overcome one of the hardest obstacles we will ever have to endure.

Graduation!

Congratulations, Class of 1997!









Susan Beth & Jake





From 8th grade all the way to our senior year, we've remained the best of friends. Not to mention, kept this a secret-BFFAEIV! Best friends forever!

I Love You!

This Is It



Never seen him before; sat down next to me in art...Wow! No, it didn't start over coffee; first date at a football game; walks through the park; noodle fight; "Quit using so much soap!"

BITE ME! NO! Don't let her cut her hair!!!! Budda Bing, Budda Boom. Laughter: love, friendship and courtship, many memories we've shared, many more to come.

Avenger-hod-ee! Are you sure? Headlight is on dim, it's only physics! The WEAK LINK with Guttie, Jerry's kids with water, green & only green.

Chuck-nothin' but trouble-the T.P. streak, Bootsie, the gate, first-er, you broke it! Frederick & pink applesauce, B.P. & the green juicy fruit, the state pen., Irma, C.M. & you with the trampoline-you GUYS! the Don Wars, Bad & Good times but some how we're still speaking!

Miranda-the PATCH-how does he do that? Really you won't oget dirty...oops. Bulldozer thrills, the long line of idiots, SXF, Batman & Moonman, C.C. drop out, Skip Bo & free psych., tons of melodramatic nonsense.

Greg-where to start?! Squikie, liar, liar, ex-lax, snickles, our pride & joy-Oedipus Complex (at least it's not PEG-LEG!), the night with Dremel, the tractor incident, the Stone Story, you & the tree, Jr. High Perc buddies, bye to Nat-kleenexes, Hozmosis, Deutsch trips, ears filled with steel wool, almost-cousins & friends forever.

C.G.'s-I know the legacy I leave behind is untouchable, but try to fill my shoes anyway.

Everybody-H.C.C.-never forget Jeff. City, B----Man! C. & Ph Tables-the tripod lives! Hail the almighty Don!

I'm Outta Here! - Amy M. Surber

In Loving Memory of Brian Daniel Cates

He had the potential we all hold within: musician, athlete, confidant, friend...
The bloom gone from the flower.

Brother to three brothers, a sister held dear; he guided his life through the joy and the fears we all know so well. Friendship came easily. Weeks, then years, flew. He grew strong and healthy-thank God, never knew how short life would be.

Remember our brother, remember our friend; as his life has touched yours, so he lives again... He did not live in vain.

You will always be in our heart
Love,
Mom, Dad, Jerry, Michael, James, and Angela

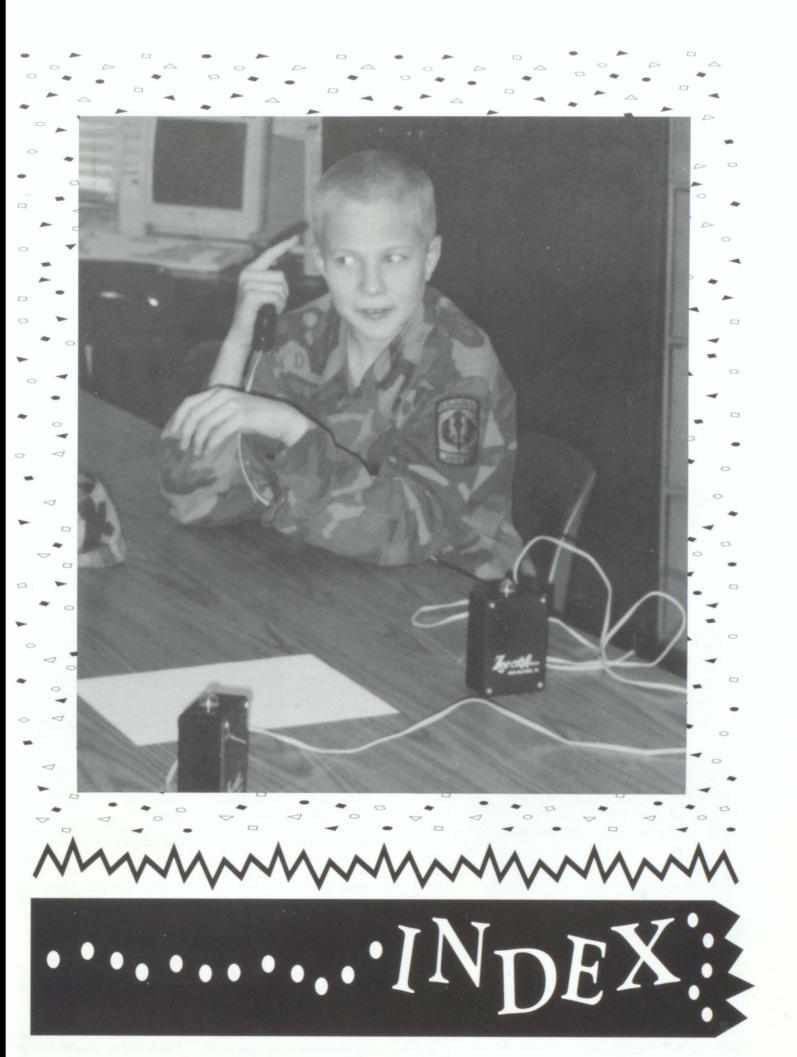
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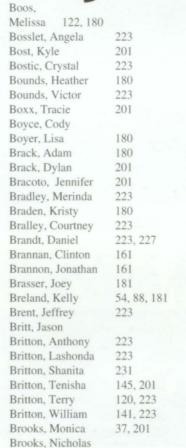
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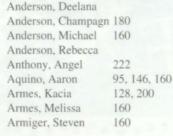
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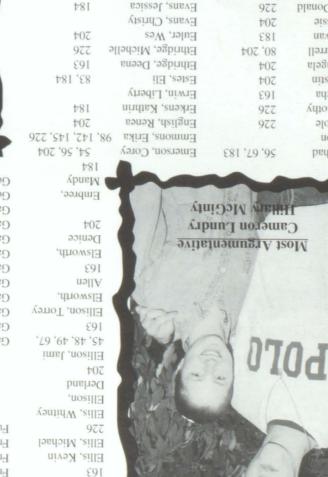
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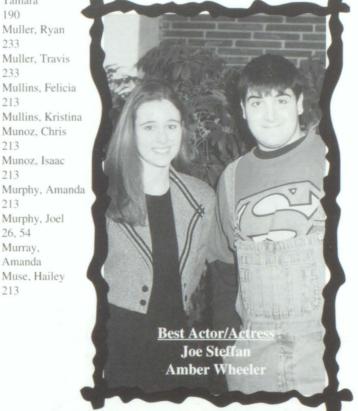
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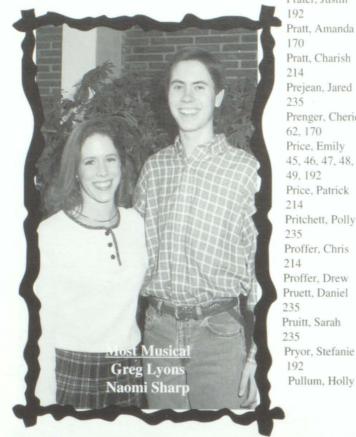
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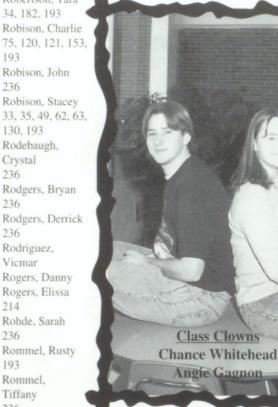
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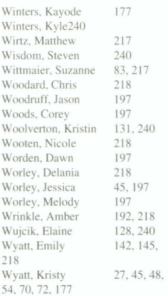
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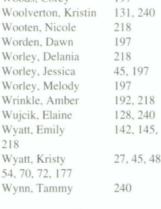
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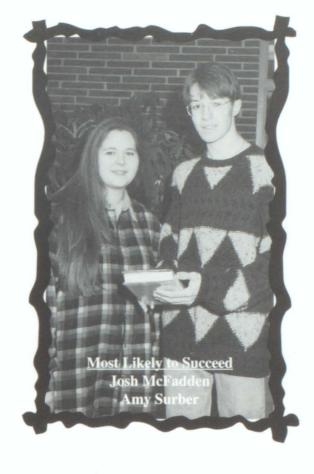


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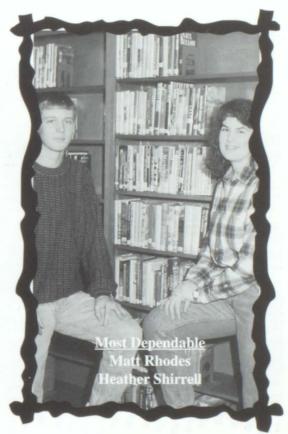


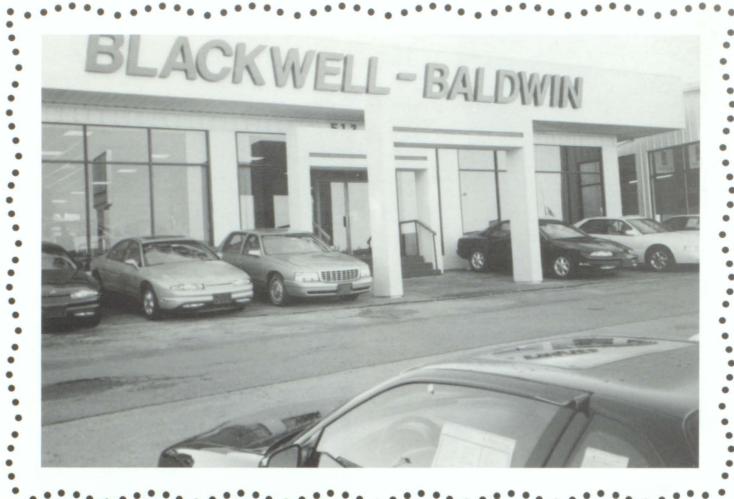












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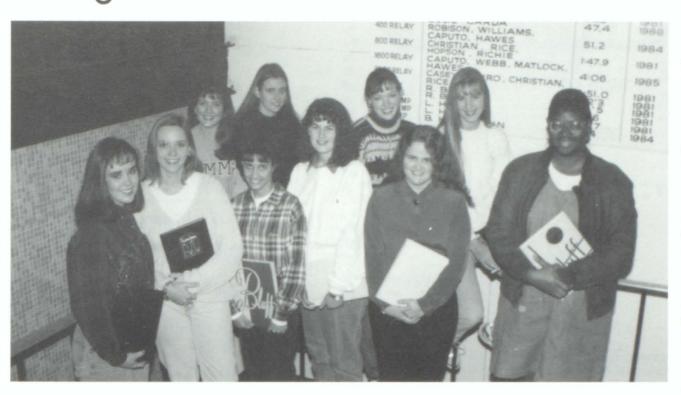
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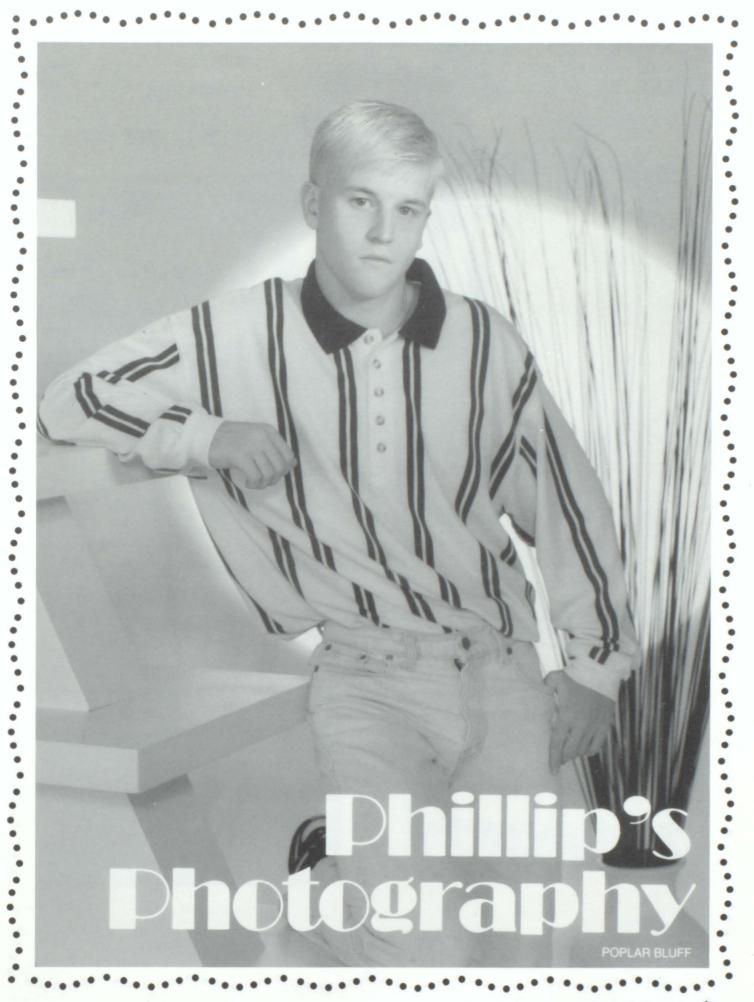
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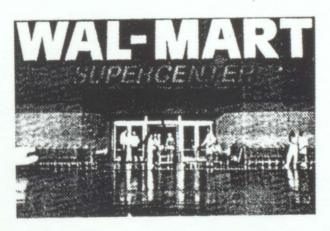
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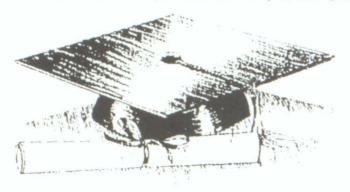
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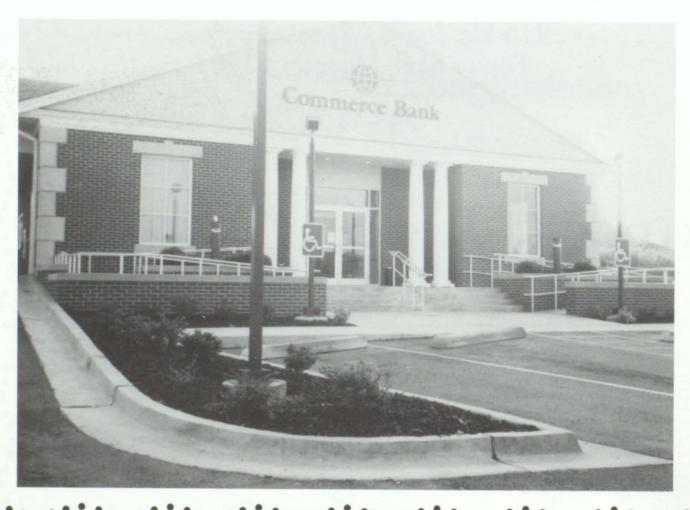
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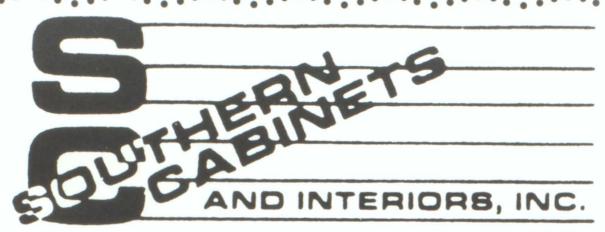
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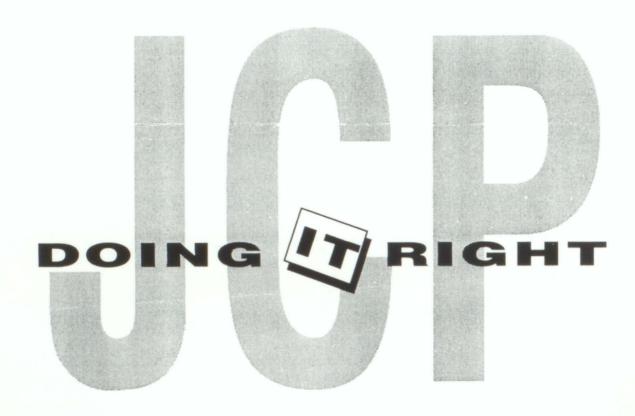
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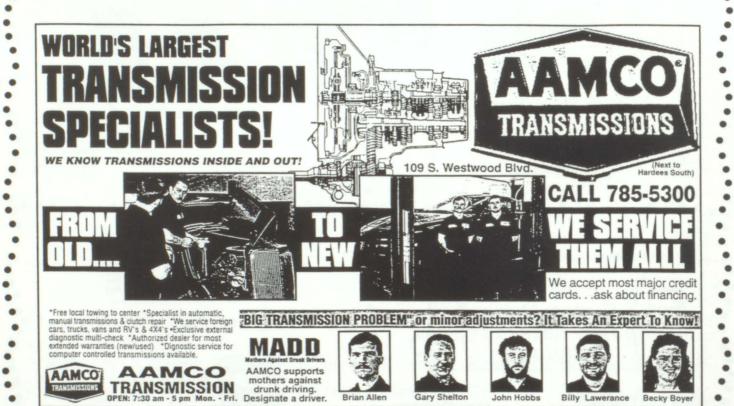
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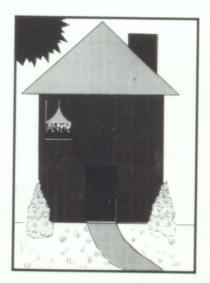
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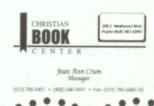
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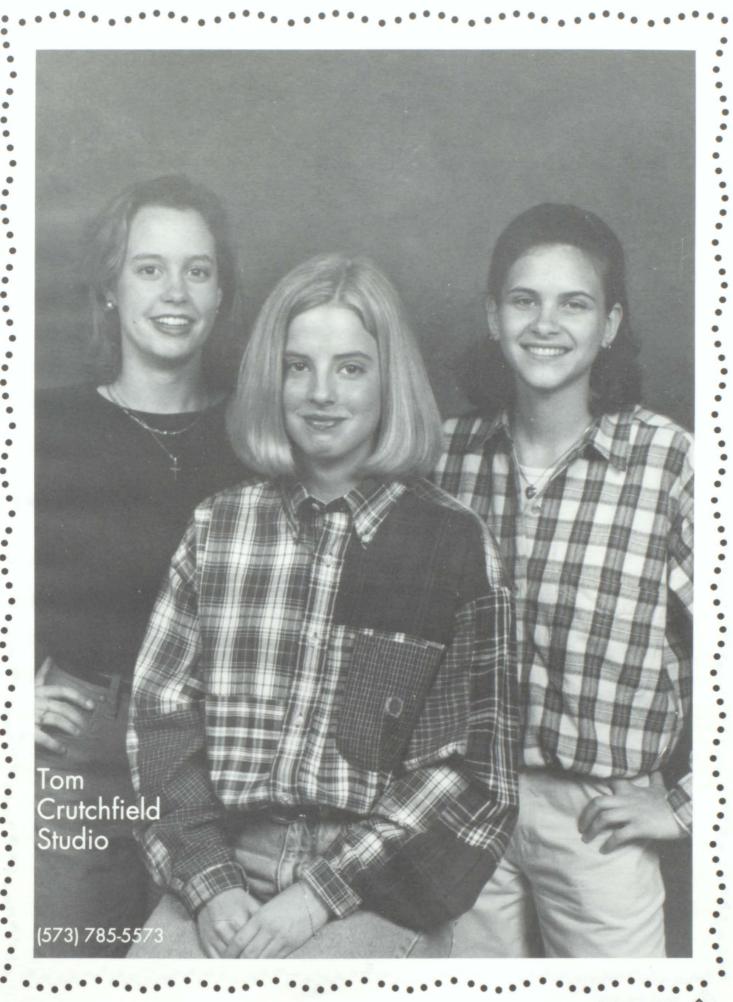


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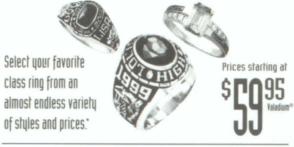
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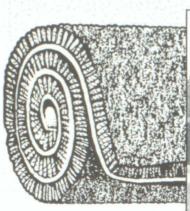
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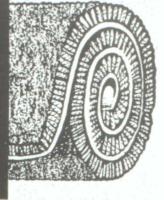
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